

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 263

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Senator Miller” and substitute “Senators Miller and McFadden”; in line 2, strike “Special Fund” and substitute “Distribution of Special and General Funds”; and in line 7, after the semicolon insert “requiring that certain budgeted funds be used to increase purses and certain bred funds at harness racing tracks and mile thoroughbred racing tracks in the State, to fund certain studies, and for certain marketing expenses; requiring certain reports; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to initiate the formation of a certain partnership; requiring that the purses be allocated according to a certain formula; requiring that all funds for purses and bred funds under this Act be in addition to and not supplant certain other funds; requiring that certain funds for certain bred funds be expended in a certain manner:”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 28, strike “June 30,” and substitute “May 31,”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, after line 30, insert:

“SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) Contingent upon an appropriation of \$10 million of general funds in the State budget for Fiscal Year 1999 for the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to be used for the horse racing industry, the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall use:

(1) \$8,000,000 to increase purses at harness race tracks and thoroughbred race tracks in the State and to enhance the Maryland-Bred Race Fund and the Standardbred Race Fund in the following manner:

(Over)

(i) 62.3 % for purses at the mile thoroughbred race tracks and Timonium;

(ii) 7.7 % to the Maryland-Bred Race Fund;

(iii) 26.7 % for purses at the harness race tracks; and

(iv) 3.3 % to the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund;

(2) \$200,000 for Preakness purses;

(3) \$280,000 for studies of the horse racing industry, including:

(i) a determination of the market for horse racing and the ways and means of reaching that market, taking into consideration the findings of the Rosecroft Raceway Marketing Association Report and the findings of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association's research related to Laurel Park and horse racing throughout the nation and any strategies that the National Thoroughbred Racing Association might develop;

(ii) an analysis of the economic impact of horse racing and breeding in the State;

(iii) an evaluation of public-private partnership alternatives; and

(iv) an analysis of the economic impact of the \$500,000 provided for the Maryland Million in Chapter 748 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997, the \$5,000,000 purse enhancement in Fiscal Year 1998 and the approximately \$1,000,000 of enhancements from the reduction in the wagering tax provided in Chapter 750 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997, and the approximately \$1,800,000 shift in annualized personnel costs from the race tracks to the State provided in Chapter 751 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997;

(4) \$1,500,000 to implement the recommendations from the marketing study required under item (3)(i) of this subsection, to be expended only upon receipt of matching funds from the racing industry; and

(5) \$20,000 to market the "Mane Attraction" at the Rosecroft Raceway.

(b) The written report of the results of the studies required under subsection (a)(3) of this section shall be submitted by December 1, 1998 to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the

State Government Article, the General Assembly.

(c) The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall initiate the formation of a partnership of track operators, horse breeders, trainers, and others, as appropriate, who are representative of thoroughbred and standardbred sectors of the industry to assist in developing industry marketing surveys and strategies.

(d) The purses shall be increased under subsection (a) of this section at harness race tracks, mile thoroughbred race tracks, and Timonium Race Course according to a formula determined by the Maryland Racing Commission, the race track licensees, the organization that represents a majority of owners and trainers of standardbred horses in the State, and the organization that represents a majority of owners and trainers of thoroughbred horses in the State.

(e) All funds provided for purses under subsection (a) of this section at harness race tracks, mile thoroughbred race tracks, and Timonium Race Course shall be in addition to and may not supplant:

(1) amounts allocated for purses under current agreements between the harness race tracks and the organization that represents a majority of owners and trainers of standardbred horses in the State; and

(2) amounts otherwise provided by law for purses at mile thoroughbred race tracks in the State and Timonium Race Course.

(f) The amounts designated for the Maryland-Bred Race Fund and the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund under subsection (a) of this section shall be expended in a manner recommended by the advisory committee to each fund and approved by the Maryland Racing Commission.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 4 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 1999, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 4 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”;

in line 31, strike “4.” and substitute “6.”; and in the same line, strike “That” and substitute “That, except as provided in Section 5 of this Act.”.

(Over)

