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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Racing Commission - Reporting Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Racing Commission to provide certain
4 information on the horse racing industry in the State to the Legislative Policy
5 Committee; requiring the State Racing Commission to provide certain
6 information on satellite simulcast facilities, including the effect of permit
7 actions on other permit holders and racing licensees; and generally relating to
8 reporting requirements for the State Racing Commission.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Business Regulation
11 Section 11-213
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1992 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

14 BY repealing
15 Article - Business Regulation
16 Section 11-831
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1992 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

19 BY adding to
20 Article - Business Regulation
21 Section 11-831
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (1992 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
25 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Business Regulation

11-213.

(a) On or before [March 1] SEPTEMBER 15 of each year, the Commission shall submit a report to the Secretary AND THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE about the preceding calendar year.

(b) Each report shall include:

(1) a statement of receipts and disbursements of the Commission; [and]

(2) [additional information and recommendations that the Commission considers valuable] A SUMMARY OF MAJOR EVENTS THAT OCCURRED THE PRECEDING YEAR THAT AFFECTED HORSE RACING IN THE STATE, INCLUDING ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES AT TRACKS IN THE REGION AS WELL AS A DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES IN THE STATE;

(3) A 5-YEAR ASSESSMENT OF EACH TRACK REGARDING:

(I) ATTENDANCE;

(II) PURSE DISTRIBUTIONS;

(III) LIVE RACING DAYS THAT ARE ALLOCATED AND USED;

(IV) BETTING ON LIVE RACING;

(V) BETTING ON SIMULCAST RACES FROM OTHER TRACKS IN THE STATE; AND

(VI) BETTING ON SIMULCAST RACES FROM OUT-OF-STATE TRACKS;

(4) INFORMATION ON SIMULCAST BETTING AT SATELLITE SIMULCAST FACILITIES IN THE STATE, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON HOW MUCH IS WAGERED ON IN-STATE RACES AND HOW MUCH IS BET ON OUT-OF-STATE RACES;

(5) INFORMATION ON SIMULCAST BETTING THAT IS CONDUCTED OUT-OF-STATE ON RACES BEING RUN LIVE IN THIS STATE;

(6) TO THE EXTENT AVAILABLE, INFORMATION ON THE BREEDING INDUSTRY IN THE STATE, INCLUDING:

(I) THE NUMBER OF BREEDERS IN THE STATE;

(II) THE NUMBER OF FOALS REGISTERED IN THE STATE;

(III) THE AVERAGE SALES PRICES OF FOALS; AND

(IV) ANY OTHER INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REGIONAL AND NATIONAL RANKING OF THE STATE FOR BREEDING;

1 (7) ALL OTHER INFORMATION THAT IS CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY THE
2 COMMISSION IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT;

3 (8) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SATELLITE SIMULCAST FACILITIES,
4 AS REQUIRED UNDER § 11-831 OF THIS TITLE; AND

5 (9) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT IS USEFUL IN EXPLAINING THE
6 FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF HORSE RACING IN THE STATE AND ANY
7 RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE INDUSTRY.

8 [11-831.

9 The Commission shall report to the Legislative Policy Committee of the
10 Maryland General Assembly annually by the opening day of the legislative session on:

11 (1) the effectiveness of this part; and

12 (2) the effect of satellite simulcast betting on the racing industry in the
13 State.]

14 11-831.

15 THE COMMISSION SHALL INCLUDE IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT TO THE
16 LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

17 (1) THE EFFECT OF SATELLITE SIMULCAST BETTING ON THE RACING
18 INDUSTRY IN THE STATE;

19 (2) THE STATUS OF ALL PERMIT HOLDERS, TAKING INTO
20 CONSIDERATION THE RESULTS OF INSPECTIONS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION
21 AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION THAT IS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION;

22 (3) IF ANY ADDITIONAL PERMIT HAS BEEN GRANTED UNDER THIS
23 SECTION:

24 (I) THE REASONS FOR GRANTING THE PERMIT; AND

25 (II) THE ANTICIPATED IMPACT OF THE NEW FACILITY ON EXISTING
26 PERMIT HOLDERS AND RACING LICENSEES; AND

27 (4) IF AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT OR PERMIT RENEWAL HAS BEEN
28 DENIED:

29 (I) THE REASONS FOR DENYING THE PERMIT OR RENEWAL; AND

30 (II) THE IMPACT ON RACING LICENSEES IF THE RACING
31 COMMISSION DENIED A PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 July 1, 1998.