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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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)

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

3 **Article - Business Regulation**

4 11-213.

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

8 (b) Each report shall include:

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

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

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

16 (I) ATTENDANCE;

17 (II) PURSE DISTRIBUTIONS;

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

19 (IV) BETTING ON LIVE RACING THAT IS HELD AT THAT TRACK  
20 BROKEN DOWN BY THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

21 1. BETTING CONDUCTED AT THE LIVE TRACK;

22 2. BETTING CONDUCTED AT OTHER MARYLAND TRACKS;

23 3. BETTING CONDUCTED AT SATELLITE SIMULCAST  
24 FACILITIES IN THE STATE; AND

25 4. BETTING CONDUCTED THROUGH OUT-OF-STATE  
26 SATELLITE SIMULCASTING;

27 (V) ~~BETTING ON SIMULCAST RACES~~ BETTING THAT IS CONDUCTED  
28 AT THE LIVE TRACK ON RACES SIMULCAST FROM OTHER TRACKS IN THE STATE; AND

29 (VI) ~~BETTING ON SIMULCAST RACES~~ BETTING THAT IS CONDUCTED  
30 AT THE LIVE TRACK ON RACES SIMULCAST FROM OUT-OF-STATE TRACKS;

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

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

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

5 (I) THE NUMBER OF BREEDERS IN THE STATE;

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

7 (III) THE AVERAGE SALES PRICES OF FOALS; AND

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

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

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

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

17 [11-831.

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

20 (1) the effectiveness of this part; and

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

23 11-831.

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

26 (1) THE EFFECT OF SATELLITE SIMULCAST BETTING ON THE RACING  
27 INDUSTRY IN THE STATE;

28 (2) ~~THE STATUS OF ALL PERMIT HOLDERS~~ AN APPRAISAL OF EACH  
29 PERMIT HOLDER, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE RESULTS OF INSPECTIONS  
30 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION AND ANY FINANCIAL INFORMATION THAT IS  
31 SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION;

32 (3) IF ANY ADDITIONAL PERMIT HAS BEEN GRANTED UNDER THIS  
33 SECTION:

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

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

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

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

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

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