
By: **Delegates Bozman, Conway, and McClenahan**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Racing - Pari-Mutuel Betting - Simulcasting**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain horse racing licensee in the State to contract
4 to hold pari-mutuel betting on races held on certain out-of-state tracks;
5 requiring a licensee who holds and simulcasts a race to an out-of-state facility
6 to offer at the same price to simulcast the race to a certain track; and generally
7 relating to simulcasting horse races.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Business Regulation
10 Section 11-804
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1992 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

13 BY adding to
14 Article - Business Regulation
15 Section 11-813
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1992 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Business Regulation**

21 11-804.

22 (a) The intent of this section is similar to that of the Interstate Horseracing
23 Act of 1978, 15 U.S.C. §§ 3001 through 3007.

24 (b) If the Commission approves, a licensee may contract to hold pari-mutuel
25 betting on a race that is held at an out-of-state track where betting on racing is
26 lawful.

1 (c) A LICENSEE THAT IS OUTSIDE A 60-MILE RADIUS OF ANOTHER LICENSEE
2 IN THIS STATE MAY CONTRACT TO HOLD PARI-MUTUEL BETTING ON A RACE THAT IS
3 HELD AT ANY OUT-OF-STATE TRACK WHERE BETTING ON HORSE RACING IS
4 LAWFUL.

5 (D) Pari-mutuel betting under this section may only occur:

6 (1) on a racing day when the Commission has authorized the licensee to
7 hold racing; and

8 (2) (i) at the track of the licensee;

9 (ii) at any track where pari-mutuel betting on races on the racing
10 program of the licensee for that day is authorized; or

11 (iii) at a satellite simulcast facility.

12 [(d)] (E) (1) The breakage and takeout for pari-mutuel betting under this
13 section shall be computed in the way normally applicable to pari-mutuel betting on
14 racing the licensee holds.

15 (2) From the takeout the licensee shall deduct:

16 (i) the State tax on all mutuel pools;

17 (ii) the amount to be paid under the contract to the out-of-state
18 track; and

19 (iii) the cost of transmission.

20 (3) The licensee shall then allocate the rest of the takeout in the way
21 applicable to the racing that the licensee holds.

22 [(e)] (F) A contract with an out-of-state track under this section is subject
23 to the approval of the group that represents a majority of the owners and trainers who
24 race horses at that track and the group that represents a majority of the applicable
25 breeders in this State.

26 11-813.

27 A LICENSEE WHO HOLDS AND SIMULCASTS A RACE TO AN OUT-OF-STATE
28 FACILITY SHALL OFFER AT THE SAME PRICE TO SIMULCAST THE RACE TO A TRACK
29 THAT IS:

30 (1) IN THE STATE; AND

31 (2) OUTSIDE A 60-MILE RADIUS OF THE TRACK OF THE LICENSEE.

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