

HOUSE BILL 313

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By: **Southern Maryland Delegation, Eastern Shore Delegation, Western Maryland Delegation, Harford County Delegation, and Anne Arundel County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Agricultural Fair Board - Grants**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the amount of the annual grant that the Comptroller
4 pays from the horse racing Special Fund to the Maryland Agricultural Fair
5 Board to promote State and county agricultural fairs and exhibits; and generally
6 relating to the horse racing Special Fund.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Business Regulation
9 Section 11-403(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1998 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article - Business Regulation**

15 11-403.

16 (a) The Comptroller shall pay from the Special Fund an annual grant of:

17 (1) [\$600,000] \$825,000 to the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board to
18 promote State and county agricultural fairs and exhibits;

19 (2) \$100,000 to Prince George's County to replace money formerly
20 received from the admissions and amusement tax;

21 (3) \$40,000 to the Great Frederick Fair to support exhibition harness
22 racing with money for construction and maintenance of new stalls, track
23 maintenance, and purses;

24 (4) \$50 to the City of Bowie for each day that the training facilities are
25 open at the Bowie Race Course Training Center;

1 (5) \$75,000 to the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc., to
2 promote and enhance statewide agricultural education; and

3 (6) an amount not to exceed \$30,000 in Fiscal Year 1998 and \$20,000 in
4 each fiscal year thereafter to the Great Pocomoke Fair, Inc. to support exhibition
5 harness racing with money for construction and maintenance of new stalls, track
6 maintenance, and purses.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 1999.