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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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CHAPTER _____

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;

1 (2) \$100,000 to Prince George's County to replace money formerly
2 received from the admissions and amusement tax;

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

6 (4) \$50 to the City of Bowie for each day that the training facilities are
7 open at the Bowie Race Course Training Center;

8 (5) \$75,000 to the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc., to
9 promote and enhance statewide agricultural education; and

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

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