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By: **Delegates Bozman, Conway, McClenahan, and C. Davis**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harness Racing - Racing Days - Telephone Betting**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the total number of racing days that may be awarded in  
4 a calendar year to one harness racing licensee; limiting in a certain way the  
5 extent to which Ocean Downs may offer telephone betting to bettors; and  
6 generally relating to harness racing.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Business Regulation  
9 Section 11-610 and 11-805(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 11-610.

16 (a) (1) The Commission may not award more than [310] 365 racing days in  
17 a calendar year to 1 licensee.

18 (2) The Commission may not award more than [620] 730 racing days in  
19 a calendar year to all licensees.

20 (b) The decision of the Commission on the award of a racing day is final.

21 11-805.

22 (a) (1) Except for racing held by the Maryland-National Capital Park and  
23 Planning Commission, the Commission may authorize telephone betting at any track  
24 where racing is authorized.

1           (2)       OCEAN DOWNS MAY OFFER TELEPHONE BETTING ONLY TO BETTORS  
2 IN ANOTHER STATE OR IN CECIL, KENT, QUEEN ANNE'S, TALBOT, CAROLINE,  
3 DORCHESTER, WICOMICO, WORCESTER, OR SOMERSET COUNTIES.

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