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By: **Senators Dyson and Middleton**  
Introduced and read first time: January 22, 1999  
Assigned to: Finance

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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.