By: **Delegates Busch, Hixson, and Hurson** Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2000

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Thoroughbred Racing - Racing Times - Restrictions

3 FOR the purpose of altering the time after which certain thoroughbred racing

- 4 licensees may not hold racing; repealing certain exceptions; and generally
- 5 relating to thoroughbred racing.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

- 7 Article Business Regulation
- 8 Section 11-501
- 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 10 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

- 12 Article Business Regulation
- 13 Section 11-504(a)
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

- 17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
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Article - Business Regulation

19 11-501.

20 This part applies only to mile thoroughbred racing licensees and to special 21 thoroughbred racing licensees.

22 11-504.

- 23 (a) A licensee may not hold racing after [6:15 p.m.] 11 P.M. unless:
- 24 (1) circumstances beyond the control of the licensee cause a delay; OR
- 25 (2) [the racing day is of national prominence; or

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1 (3)] the racing consists of betting on races held at an out-of-state track, 2 and the racing is:

(i)] authorized under § 11-804 of this title[; and

4 (ii) approved by the harness track licensee whose track is closest to

5 the licensee's track, the group that represents a majority of the owners and trainers

6 who race horses at that harness track, and the group that represents a majority of the

7 harness breeders in this State].

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 9 October 1, 2000.

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