

SENATE BILL 814

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2000 Regular Session  
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By: **Senator Bromwell**

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Assigned to: Rules

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Horse Racing - Purse Fund Enhancement**

3 FOR the purpose of creating a certain fund; requiring that certain lottery revenues for  
4 a certain fiscal year be distributed to a special fund to be used only for certain  
5 purposes; requiring that the purses and bred funds be increased according to a  
6 certain formula; providing for the effective date and termination of this Act;  
7 making this Act contingent on the taking effect of another Act; and generally  
8 relating to horse racing in the State.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
10 MARYLAND, That:

11 (a) Notwithstanding § 9-120 of the State Government Article, after  
12 cumulative distributions of revenues from the State Lottery for fiscal year 2000 to the  
13 General Fund under § 9-120(b)(1)(ii) of the State Government Article total  
14 \$366,813,000, \$10,000,000 of the remaining revenue that would otherwise be paid to  
15 the General Fund under § 9-120(b)(1)(ii) of the State Government Article shall be  
16 distributed to a special fund that shall be created to be used only to increase purses at  
17 harness racing tracks, mile thoroughbred tracks, and Timonium Race Course and to  
18 supplement existing bred funds in accordance with this Act.

19 (b) If lottery revenues do not provide the \$10,000,000 for the purposes  
20 specified in subsection (a) of this section, the Governor may request a deficiency  
21 appropriation during the 2000 Session to make up the difference.

22 (c) In accordance with § 7-209 of the State Finance and Procurement Article,  
23 the Governor by budgetary amendment shall allocate money from the special fund  
24 created under subsection (a) of this section in the manner specified under subsection  
25 (d) of this section.

26 (d) The amount credited to the special fund created under subsection (a) of  
27 this section shall be used as follows:

28 (1) 11% to increase the bred funds to be allocated as follows:

29 (i) 70% to the Maryland-Bred Race Fund; and

1 (ii) 30% to the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund; and

2 (2) 89% to increase purses at harness racing tracks and thoroughbred  
3 racing tracks to be allocated as follows:

4 (i) 70% to purses at the mile thoroughbred racing tracks and  
5 Timonium; and

6 (ii) 30% to purses at the harness racing tracks which shall be  
7 allocated 85% for Rosecroft Raceway and 15% for Ocean Downs.

8 (e) All funds provided for purses and bred funds at harness racing racks, mile  
9 thoroughbred racing tracks, and Timonium Race Course by this Act shall be in  
10 addition to and may not supplant:

11 (1) Amounts allocated for purses and bred funds under current  
12 agreements between the harness racing tracks and the organization that represents a  
13 majority of owners and trainers of standardbred horses in the State; and

14 (2) Amounts otherwise provided in statute for purses and bred funds at  
15 mile thoroughbred racing tracks and Timonium Race Course.

16 (f) The purses shall be distributed at mile thoroughbred racetracks and  
17 Timonium Race Course according to a formula determined by the State Racing  
18 Commission in consultation with the racetrack licensees and the organization that  
19 represents a majority of owners and trainers of thoroughbred horses in the State.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
21 effect June 1, 2000, contingent on the taking effect of Chapter \_\_\_\_\_(S.B. \_\_\_\_\_)  
22 (0lr2493) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000, and if Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ does not  
23 become effective, this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action  
24 by the General Assembly. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month  
25 and, at the end of June 30, 2001, with no further action required by the General  
26 Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.