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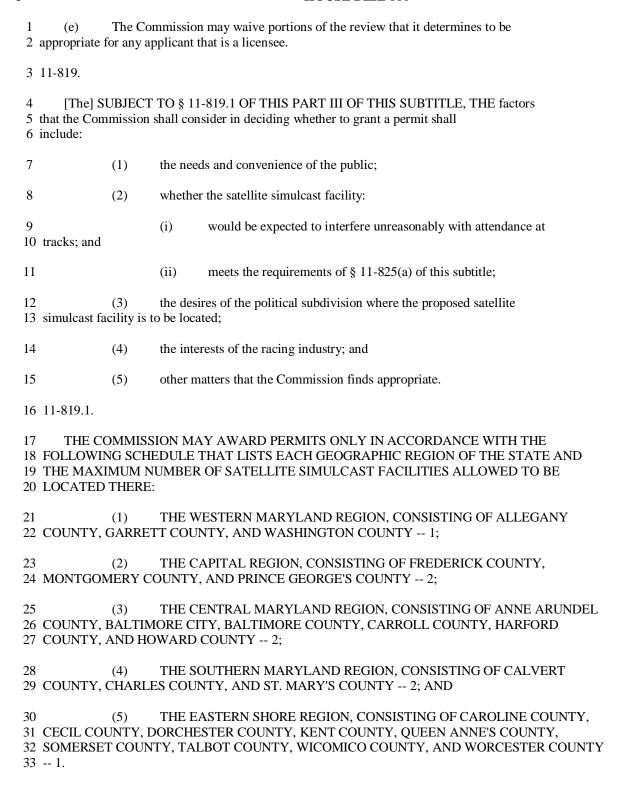
1 AN ACT cor	ncerning
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2 Racing - Betting - Satellite Simulcast Facilities

- 3 FOR the purpose of restricting eligibility for applying for a satellite simulcast betting
- 4 permit to a certain category of licensee; authorizing the Racing Commission to
- 5 grant permits to hold satellite simulcast betting only in accordance with a
- 6 certain schedule listing regions of the State and a maximum number of satellite
- 7 simulcast betting facilities for each region; requiring that a certain amount of
- 8 money bet in satellite simulcast facilities be allocated to certain counties; and
- 9 generally relating to satellite simulcast betting.
- 10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 11 Article Business Regulation
- 12 Section 11-101(a) and (h) and 11-815(a) and (b)
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)
- 15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 16 Article Business Regulation
- 17 Section 11-818, 11-819, and 11-826
- 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 19 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)
- 20 BY adding to
- 21 Article Business Regulation
- 22 Section 11-819.1
- 23 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 24 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)
- 25 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 26 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

1 **Article - Business Regulation** 2 11-101. 3 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated. 4 "Licensee" means a person who has been awarded racing days for the (h) 5 current calendar year. 6 11-815. 7 (a) In this part the following words have the meanings indicated. 8 (b) "Permit" means a permit granted under this part to hold satellite 9 simulcast betting. 10 11-818. 11 (a) [Any person may] TO apply for a permit, A PERSON SHALL BE A LICENSEE. 12 An applicant for a permit shall submit to the executive director of the (b) 13 Commission an application in the form that the Commission requires. 14 Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, the Commission shall conduct a personal and financial background check of an applicant for a permit 15 16 including: a review, by a certified public accountant, of the certified financial 17 (1) 18 statements of the applicant, including contingent or pledged liabilities, sufficient to determine the ability of the applicant to purchase or lease, and develop and maintain 20 the satellite simulcast facility for which the permit is sought; 21 (2)an income statement of the applicant for the most recent year; 22 a statement of financial and related records of any person in which 23 the applicant has at least a majority interest; a disclosure of all financial interests in horse racing and any other (4) 25 legalized betting activity; (5) the disclosure of each person who is a beneficial owner of the 26 27 applicant; with the assistance of federal, State, and local law enforcement 28 29 authorities, a criminal background review; and 30 (7) a character review. (d) The Commission shall adopt regulations establishing uniform procedures 31 32 for conducting the personal and financial background check required by this section.

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- 1 11-826.
- 2 (a) [All money] A PERMIT HOLDER:
- 3 (1) SHALL INCLUDE 95% OF THE MONEY bet at a satellite simulcast
- 4 facility [shall be included] in the applicable mutuel pools at the sending track; AND
- 5 (2) SHALL ALLOCATE THE REMAINING 5% EQUALLY BETWEEN:
- 6 (I) COUNTIES WHERE TRACKS ARE LOCATED; AND
- 7 (II) COUNTIES WHERE SATELLITE SIMULCAST FACILITIES ARE
- 8 LOCATED.
- 9 (b) Except as provided in § 11-827 of this part, the breakage, State tax, and
- 10 takeout on all satellite simulcast betting shall be computed in the way normally
- 11 applicable to pari-mutuel betting on a race at the sending track.
- 12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 13 October 1, 2001.