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By: **Senator Della**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Racing - Special Fund - Health and Welfare Trust of the Jockeys' Guild, Inc.**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a certain amount of revenue that is distributed to  
4 a special horse racing fund be contributed to the Health and Welfare Trust of the  
5 Jockeys' Guild, Inc.; requiring that the revenue contributed to the Trust be  
6 allocated for certain purposes; making a stylistic change; and generally relating  
7 to horse racing in the State.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Chapter 309 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000  
10 Section 6

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Chapter 309 of the Acts of 2000**

14 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

15 (a) Notwithstanding § 9-120 of the State Government Article, after  
16 cumulative distributions of revenues from the State Lottery for fiscal year 2000 to the  
17 General Fund under § 9-120(b)(1)(ii) of the State Government Article total  
18 \$366,813,000, \$10,000,000 of the remaining revenue that would otherwise be paid to  
19 the General Fund under § 9-120(b)(1)(ii) of the State government Article shall be  
20 distributed to a special fund that shall be created to be used in accordance with this  
21 Act only to increase purses at harness racing tracks, mile thoroughbred tracks, and  
22 Timonium Race Course, to supplement existing bred funds, and to improve health  
23 and [education] WELFARE benefits for [eligible persons that are licensed by the  
24 Maryland Racing Commission] ACTIVE, DISABLED, AND RETIRED THOROUGHBRED  
25 JOCKEYS WHO ARE OR HAVE BEEN REGULARLY RIDING IN THE STATE, AND THEIR  
26 DEPENDENTS.

27 (b) If lottery revenues do not provide the \$10,000,000 for the purposes  
28 specified in subsection (a) of this section, the Governor may request a deficiency  
29 appropriation during the 2001 Session to make up the difference.

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

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

7 (1) 11% to increase the bred funds to be allocated as follows:

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

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

10 (2) 89% to increase purses at harness racing tracks and thoroughbred  
11 racing tracks and to contribute to the [Maryland Horsemen's Assistance Fund, Inc.]  
12 HEALTH AND WELFARE TRUST OF THE JOCKEYS' GUILD, INC. to be allocated as  
13 follows:

14 (i) 70% to purses at the mile thoroughbred racing tracks and  
15 Timonium, provided that [\$100,000] \$250,000 shall be paid to the [Maryland  
16 Horsemen's Assistance Fund, Inc. for the purpose of providing health and education  
17 benefits for eligible persons that are licensed by the Maryland Racing Commission]  
18 HEALTH AND WELFARE TRUST MAINTAINED BY JOCKEYS' GUILD, INC. FOR THE  
19 PURPOSE OF PROVIDING HEALTH, DISABILITY, AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO  
20 ACTIVE, DISABLED, OR RETIRED THOROUGHBRED JOCKEYS WHO ARE OR HAVE BEEN  
21 REGULARLY RIDING IN THE STATE, AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
22 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY JOCKEYS' GUILD, INC.; and

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

25 (e) All funds provided for purses and bred funds at harness racing [racks]  
26 TRACKS, mile thoroughbred racing tracks, and Timonium Race Course by this Act  
27 shall be in addition to and may not supplant:

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

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

33 (f) The purses shall be distributed at mile thoroughbred racetracks and  
34 Timonium Race Course according to a formula determined by the State Racing  
35 Commission in consultation with the racetrack licenses and the organization that  
36 represents a majority of owners and trainers of thoroughbred horses in the State.

37 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
38 effect June 1, 2001.

