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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1241 (Delegates Hurson and Busch)
Ways and Means

Thoroughbred Racing - Racing Times - Restrictions

This bill extends from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., the time after which a thoroughbred licensee is prohibited from holding racing unless: (1) circumstances beyond the control of the licensee cause a delay; or (2) the racing consists of betting on races held at an out-of-State track and the racing is authorized under the provision of current law governing betting on out-of-State races.

The bill also provides that the racing associations licensed to hold live racing at Pimlico Race Course, Laurel Park, and Rosecroft Raceway do not have to sell their racing signals to each other. However, the bill requires these organizations to provide signals of their live races to Ocean Downs and off-track betting facilities at a rate no greater than the average price that is paid by out-of-State tracks importing Maryland racing signals.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. It is assumed that the bill would not significantly affect the total money wagered on thoroughbred races; accordingly, revenues are not anticipated to be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: A thoroughbred licensee is prohibited from holding racing after 9:00 p.m. unless: (1) circumstances beyond the control of the licensee cause a delay; or (2) the racing consists of betting on races held at an out-of-State track and the racing is authorized under the provision of current law governing betting on out-of-State races.

Additional Comments: The bill contains numerous technical errors, including spelling errors as well as duplicate paragraphs.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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