

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 720

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Purses - Pimlico Special and Rosecroft Raceway” and substitute “Purses and the Racing Special Fund - Allocation”; in line 6, after the first semicolon insert “requiring that after certain deductions from the Racing Special Fund are made, certain funds are to be allocated in a certain manner by the Comptroller; altering the allocation of the Racing Special Fund after all deductions from the fund are made; expressing the intent of the General Assembly regarding the use of certain funds;”; and after line 7, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Business Regulation

Section 11-403 and 11-404

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article - Business Regulation

Section 11-404.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Business Regulation

Section 11-406

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

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On page 1, in line 9, after “That” insert “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and after line 9, insert:

“Article - Business Regulation

11-403.

(a) The Comptroller shall pay from the Special Fund an annual grant of:

(1) \$825,000 to the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board to promote State and county agricultural fairs and exhibits;

(2) \$100,000 to Prince George’s County to replace money formerly received from the admissions and amusement tax;

(3) \$40,000 to the Great Frederick Fair to support exhibition harness racing with money for construction and maintenance of new stalls, track maintenance, and purses;

(4) \$50 to the City of Bowie for each day that the training facilities are open at the Bowie Race Course Training Center;

(5) \$75,000 to the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc., to promote and enhance statewide agricultural education;

(6) an amount not to exceed \$30,000 in fiscal year 1998 and \$20,000 in each fiscal year thereafter to the Great Pocomoke Fair, Inc. to support exhibition harness racing with money for construction and maintenance of new stalls, track maintenance, and purses;

(7) \$500,000 to the Maryland Million, Ltd. to support and promote the running of Maryland Million races; and

(8) \$350,000 to the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund for the Sire Stakes Program.

(b) If the Maryland State Fair remains at the Timonium Fair Grounds, the Comptroller

shall pay from the Special Fund an annual grant of:

(1) \$500,000 to the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Inc., to:

(i) promote and enhance the Maryland State Fair; and

(ii) maintain and develop youth programs, with premium money provided to organizations, such as 4-H Clubs and the Future Farmers of America, for recognition and awards; and

(2) \$50,000 to Baltimore County to replace the money formerly received by the county under this subtitle.

11-404.

(a) (1) To help pay for facilities and services in communities within 2 miles of the Pimlico Race Course or 3 miles of the Laurel Race Course, the Comptroller shall pay money to Baltimore City, the City of Laurel, and Anne Arundel and Howard counties in accordance with this section.

(2) The money shall be paid from the Special Fund in half-yearly installments.

(b) In any year, payments required under this section may not be less than the total allocated for 140 days of live racing at each track.

(c) (1) If 140 or more days of live racing in a year are held at Pimlico Race Course, the Comptroller shall pay to Baltimore City:

(i) \$2,800 for each day of live racing; and

(ii) \$1,400 for each additional day of intertrack betting without live racing held.

(2) If fewer than 140 days of live racing in a year are held at Pimlico Race Course,

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the Comptroller shall pay to Baltimore City:

(i) \$2,800 for each day of live racing or intertrack betting without live racing held, up to a maximum payment for 140 days; and

(ii) \$1,400 for each additional day of intertrack betting without live racing held.

(d) (1) If 140 or more days of live racing in a year are held at Laurel Race Course, the Comptroller shall pay:

(i) for each day of live racing, \$2,000 to Anne Arundel County, \$500 to Howard County, and \$300 to the City of Laurel; and

(ii) for each additional day of intertrack betting without live racing held, \$1,000 to Anne Arundel County, \$250 to Howard County, and \$150 to the City of Laurel.

(2) If fewer than 140 days of live racing in a year are held at Laurel Race Course, the Comptroller shall pay:

(i) for each day of live racing or each day of intertrack betting without live racing held, up to a maximum payment for 140 days, \$2,000 to Anne Arundel County, \$500 to Howard County, and \$300 to the City of Laurel; and

(ii) for each additional day of intertrack betting without live racing held, \$1,000 to Anne Arundel County, \$250 to Howard County, and \$150 to the City of Laurel.

11-404.1.

AFTER ALL DEDUCTIONS FROM THE SPECIAL FUND AS REQUIRED UNDER §§ 11-403 AND 11-404 OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE MADE, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL PAY FROM THE SPECIAL FUND AN ANNUAL GRANT OF:

(1) \$300,000 TO BE ALLOCATED IN THE FOLLOWING WAY:

(I) 70% TO THE MARYLAND-BRED RACE FUND; AND

(II) 30% TO THE MARYLAND STANDARD BRED RACE FUND, TO BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE SIRE STAKES PROGRAM AND THE FOALED STAKES PROGRAM; AND

(2) \$260,000 TO THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 2-206 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE, WITH \$130,000 TO BE ALLOCATED TO SUPPORT THE OPERATIONS OF THE RURAL MARYLAND COUNCIL.

11-406.

After all deductions from the Special Fund AS REQUIRED BY §§ 11-403, 11-404, AND 11-404.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE are made, money that remains in the Special Fund shall be allocated in the following way:

(1) 50% TO THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 2-206 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE, WITH ONE-THIRD OF THESE FUNDS TO BE ALLOCATED TO SUPPORT THE OPERATIONS OF THE RURAL MARYLAND COUNCIL; AND

(2) 50% TO BE ALLOCATED IN THE FOLLOWING WAY:

[(1)] (I) 70% to the Maryland-Bred Race Fund; and

[(2)] (II) 30% to the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund, to be divided equally between the Sire Stakes Program and the Foaled Stakes Program.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, after line 26, insert:

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“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the funds provided under § 11-404.1 of the Business Regulation Article are intended to supplement, rather than supplant, current State general fund support for the Rural Maryland Council and Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund.”;

and in line 27, strike “2.” and substitute “4”.