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**ENROLLED BILL**  
-- Ways and Means/Finance --

Introduced by ~~Delegate C. Davis~~ **Delegates C. Davis, Boschert, Bozman,  
Cardin, Elmore, Gilleland, Goodwin, Healey, Heller, Howard, Marriott,  
McKee, and Patterson**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Horse Racing - Purses -- ~~Pimlico Special and Rosecroft Raceway~~ Purses and**  
3 **the Racing Special Fund - Allocation**

4 FOR the purpose of creating a special fund consisting of certain revenues; requiring  
5 that money from the special fund be used for certain purposes; requiring that  
6 certain funds be allocated in a certain manner by the Maryland Racing  
7 Commission; requiring that after certain deductions from the Racing Special  
8 Fund are made, certain funds are to be allocated in a certain manner by the  
9 Comptroller; altering the allocation of the Racing Special Fund after all  
10 deductions from the fund are made; expressing the intent of the General  
11 Assembly regarding the use of certain funds; making this Act an emergency  
12 measure; and generally relating to special funds and horse racing in Maryland.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

14 Article - Business Regulation

1 Section 11-403 and 11-404  
2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
3 (2004 Replacement Volume)

4 BY adding to  
5 Article - Business Regulation  
6 Section 11-404.1  
7 Annotated Code of Maryland  
8 (2004 Replacement Volume)

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Business Regulation  
11 Section 11-406  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2004 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article - Business Regulation**

17 11-403.

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

19 (1) \$825,000 to the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board to promote State  
20 and county agricultural fairs and exhibits;

21 (2) \$100,000 to Prince George's County to replace money formerly received  
22 from the admissions and amusement tax;

23 (3) \$40,000 to the Great Frederick Fair to support exhibition harness  
24 racing with money for construction and maintenance of new stalls, track maintenance,  
25 and purses;

26 (4) \$50 to the City of Bowie for each day that the training facilities are  
27 open at the Bowie Race Course Training Center;

28 (5) \$75,000 to the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc., to  
29 promote and enhance statewide agricultural education;

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

34 (7) \$500,000 to the Maryland Million, Ltd. to support and promote the  
35 running of Maryland Million races; and

1           (8)       \$350,000 to the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund for the Sire  
2 Stakes Program.

3       (b)       If the Maryland State Fair remains at the Timonium Fair Grounds, the  
4 Comptroller shall pay from the Special Fund an annual grant of:

5           (1)       \$500,000 to the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Inc.,  
6 to:

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

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

11           (2)       \$50,000 to Baltimore County to replace the money formerly received by  
12 the county under this subtitle.

13 11-404.

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

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

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

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

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

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

27           (2)       If fewer than 140 days of live racing in a year are held at Pimlico Race  
28 Course, the Comptroller shall pay to Baltimore City:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 11-404.1.

15 AFTER ALL DEDUCTIONS FROM THE SPECIAL FUND AS REQUIRED UNDER §§  
16 11-403 AND 11-404 OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE MADE, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL PAY  
17 FROM THE SPECIAL FUND AN ANNUAL GRANT OF:

18 (1) \$300,000 TO BE ALLOCATED IN THE FOLLOWING WAY:

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

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

23 (2) \$260,000 TO THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND RURAL  
24 DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 2-206 OF THE STATE  
25 FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE, WITH \$130,000 TO BE ALLOCATED TO  
26 SUPPORT THE OPERATIONS OF THE RURAL MARYLAND COUNCIL.

27 11-406.

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

31 (1) 50% TO THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND RURAL  
32 DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 2-206 OF THE STATE  
33 FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE, WITH ONE-THIRD OF THESE FUNDS TO BE  
34 ALLOCATED TO SUPPORT THE OPERATIONS OF THE RURAL MARYLAND COUNCIL;  
35 AND

36 (2) 50% TO BE ALLOCATED IN THE FOLLOWING WAY:

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

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

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

5 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, cumulative receipts in the  
6 amount of \$1,040,400 or greater placed in the former Racing Facility Redevelopment  
7 Bond Fund, and now under the control of the Maryland Economic Development  
8 Corporation, shall be distributed to a special fund that shall be created to be used only  
9 for purses for the running of the Pimlico Special and for purses at Rosecroft Raceway.

10 (b) In accordance with § 7-209 of the State Finance and Procurement Article,  
11 the Governor by budget amendment shall allocate money from the special fund  
12 created under subsection (a) of this section in the manner specified under subsection  
13 (c) of this section.

14 (c) The amount credited to the special fund created under subsection (a) of  
15 this section shall be allocated by the Maryland Racing Commission as follows:

16 (1) the money allocated for purses for the running of the Pimlico Special  
17 shall be proportional to the amount in the special fund resulting from the takeout  
18 from mile thoroughbred racetrack handles in Maryland; and

19 (2) the money allocated for purses at Rosecroft Raceway shall be  
20 proportional to the amount in the special fund resulting from the takeout from  
21 Rosecroft Raceway handles in Maryland.

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

27 ~~SECTION 2. 4.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an  
28 emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health  
29 or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the  
30 members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take  
31 effect from the date it is enacted.

