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By: Delegate C. Davis

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Horse Racing - Purses - Pimlico Special and Rosecroft Raceway

- 3 FOR the purpose of creating a special fund consisting of certain revenues; requiring
- 4 that money from the special fund be used for certain purposes; requiring that
- 5 certain funds be allocated in a certain manner by the Maryland Racing
- 6 Commission; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to
- 7 special funds and horse racing in Maryland.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

- 9 MARYLAND, That:
- 10 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, cumulative receipts in the
- 11 amount of \$1,040,400 or greater placed in the former Racing Facility Redevelopment
- 12 Bond Fund, and now under the control of the Maryland Economic Development
- 13 Corporation, shall be distributed to a special fund that shall be created to be used only
- 14 for purses for the running of the Pimlico Special and for purses at Rosecroft Raceway.
- 15 (b) In accordance with § 7-209 of the State Finance and Procurement Article,
- 16 the Governor by budget amendment shall allocate money from the special fund
- 17 created under subsection (a) of this section in the manner specified under subsection
- 18 (c) of this section.
- 19 (c) The amount credited to the special fund created under subsection (a) of
- 20 this section shall be allocated by the Maryland Racing Commission as follows:
- 21 (1) the money allocated for purses for the running of the Pimlico Special
- 22 shall be proportional to the amount in the special fund resulting from the takeout
- 23 from mile thoroughbred racetrack handles in Maryland; and
- 24 (2) the money allocated for purses at Rosecroft Raceway shall be
- 25 proportional to the amount in the special fund resulting from the takeout from
- 26 Rosecroft Raceway handles in Maryland.
- 27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
- 28 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
- 29 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members

- $1\,$ elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from $2\,$ the date it is enacted.