

1 (h) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation.

2 SUBTITLE 13. STUDY ON MAKING MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY MORE
3 COMPETITIVE.

4 11-1301.

5 (A) THE SECRETARY SHALL CONTRACT FOR AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT TO
6 CONDUCT A STUDY ON WHAT STEPS MAY BE TAKEN TO MAKE THE HORSE INDUSTRY
7 IN THE STATE MORE COMPETITIVE WITH THE HORSE INDUSTRY IN NEIGHBORING
8 STATES.

9 (B) TOPICS THAT THE STUDY SHALL ADDRESS INCLUDE:

10 (1) THE SPECIFIC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED AT RACETRACKS IN
11 THE STATE IN ORDER FOR THEM TO BE COMPETITIVE WITH RACETRACKS IN
12 NEIGHBORING STATES;

13 (2) WHETHER THE NUMBER OF RACING DAYS AWARDED BY THE STATE
14 RACING COMMISSION AND THE TIMES ALLOWED FOR RACING SHOULD BE CHANGED;

15 (3) HOW THE CURRENT PURSE STRUCTURES FOR THOROUGHBRED
16 RACING AND STANDARD BRED RACING IN THE STATE SHOULD BE CHANGED TO
17 ATTRACT MORE COMPETITIVE FIELDS TO BE COMPETITIVE WITH THOROUGHBRED
18 RACING AND STANDARD BRED RACING IN NEIGHBORING STATES;

19 (4) TO WHAT EXTENT MORE STATE AID IS REQUIRED, INCLUDING
20 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND FUNDING TO MAKE PURSES COMPETITIVE WITH
21 NEIGHBORING STATES;

22 (5) WAYS TO DEVELOP MARKETING STRATEGIES;

23 (6) WAYS TO IMPROVE THE HORSE BREEDING INDUSTRY; AND

24 (7) THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE HORSE INDUSTRY IN THE STATE
25 GENERALLY.

26 (C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE \$250,000 IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE
27 CONTRACT WITH THE OUTSIDE CONSULTANT IN FISCAL YEAR 2008.

28 (D) THE SECRETARY SHALL REPORT THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
29 OF THE OUTSIDE CONSULTANT TO THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE ON OR
30 BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2008, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE
31 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 July 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June
34 30, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
35 abrogated and of no further force and effect.