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	A BILL ENTITLED
1	AN ACT concerning
2	Horse Racing - Study on Making Maryland Horse Industry More Competitive
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	termination of this Act; and generally relating to a study on the horse industry
13 14 15 16 17	Section 1-101(a) and (h) Annotated Code of Maryland
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24 25	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
26	Article - Business Regulation
27	1-101.

In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

**UNOFFICIAL COPY OF HOUSE BILL 1361** 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. THE SECRETARY SHALL CONTRACT FOR AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT TO 5 (A) 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; WHETHER THE NUMBER OF RACING DAYS AWARDED BY THE STATE 13 (2) 14 RACING COMMISSION AND THE TIMES ALLOWED FOR RACING SHOULD BE CHANGED; HOW THE CURRENT PURSE STRUCTURES FOR THOROUGHBRED 15 16 RACING AND STANDARDBRED RACING IN THE STATE SHOULD BE CHANGED TO 17 ATTRACT MORE COMPETITIVE FIELDS TO BE COMPETITIVE WITH THOROUGHBRED 18 RACING AND STANDARDBRED RACING IN NEIGHBORING STATES; 19 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 WAYS TO IMPROVE THE HORSE BREEDING INDUSTRY; AND (6) THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE HORSE INDUSTRY IN THE STATE 24 (7) 25 GENERALLY. THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE \$250,000 IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE 27 CONTRACT WITH THE OUTSIDE CONSULTANT IN FISCAL YEAR 2008. 28 THE SECRETARY SHALL REPORT THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (D) 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.