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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Mile Thoroughbred Racing - Allocation of Takeout - Improvement of**  
3 **Facilities and Marketing**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the allocation of the takeout share that a mile  
5 thoroughbred racing licensee keeps from certain pari-mutuel races; requiring  
6 that a certain amount be used to improve the facilities and services of the track  
7 and to increase marketing activity for certain purposes; and generally relating  
8 to mile thoroughbred racing.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Business Regulation  
11 Section 11-515  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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 11-515.

18 (a) Except as provided in § 11-516 of this subtitle, the takeout that a licensee  
19 deducts from the handle of a race shall be allocated in accordance with this section.

20 (b) A licensee shall:

- 21 (1) keep 50% of the breakage;  
22 (2) allocate 45% of the breakage for purses; and  
23 (3) allocate 5% of the breakage to the Maryland-Bred Race Fund.

24 (c) From the amount that a licensee deducts from each regular mutuel pool,  
25 the licensee shall:

1 (1) keep 7.70% of each regular mutuel pool, from which the licensee  
2 shall:

3 (I) pay 0.25% of each regular mutuel pool to the Maryland Race  
4 Track Employees Pension Fund; AND

5 (II) USE 0.25% OF EACH REGULAR MUTUEL POOL TO IMPROVE THE  
6 FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF THE TRACK AND TO INCREASE MARKETING ACTIVITY,  
7 SO AS TO PROMOTE:

8 1. INCREASED ATTENDANCE AND PARI-MUTUEL BETTING;  
9 AND

10 2. ENHANCED WELL-BEING OF THE MILE THOROUGHBRED  
11 RACING INDUSTRY;

12 (2) allocate 0.32% of each regular mutuel pool to the Commission for  
13 State tax;

14 (3) allocate 1.10% of each regular mutuel pool to the Maryland-Bred  
15 Race Fund;

16 (4) allocate 7.70% of each regular mutuel pool for purses;

17 (5) allocate 0.18% of each regular mutuel pool as an additional amount  
18 for purses; and

19 (6) allocate 1% of each regular mutuel pool paid to the Maryland Million,  
20 Ltd., for purses of Maryland Million races.

21 (d) From the amount that a licensee deducts from each multiple mutuel pool  
22 on 2 horses, the licensee shall:

23 (1) keep 8.70% of each multiple mutuel pool, from which the licensee  
24 shall:

25 (I) pay 0.25% of each multiple mutuel pool to the Maryland Race  
26 Track Employees Pension Fund; AND

27 (II) USE 0.25% OF EACH MULTIPLE MUTUEL POOL TO IMPROVE THE  
28 FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF THE TRACK AND TO INCREASE MARKETING ACTIVITY,  
29 SO AS TO PROMOTE:

30 1. INCREASED ATTENDANCE AND PARI-MUTUEL BETTING;  
31 AND

32 2. ENHANCED WELL-BEING OF THE MILE THOROUGHBRED  
33 RACING INDUSTRY;

34 (2) allocate 0.32% of each multiple mutuel pool to the Commission for  
35 State tax;

1 (3) allocate 1.10% of each multiple mutuel pool to the Maryland-Bred  
2 Race Fund;

3 (4) allocate 8.70% of each multiple mutuel pool for purses;

4 (5) allocate 0.18% of each multiple mutuel pool as an additional amount  
5 for purses; and

6 (6) allocate 2% of each multiple mutuel pool paid to the Maryland  
7 Million, Ltd., for purses of Maryland Million races.

8 (e) From the amount that a licensee deducts from each multiple mutuel pool  
9 on 3 or more horses, the licensee shall:

10 (1) keep 11.70% of each multiple mutuel pool, from which the licensee  
11 shall:

12 (I) pay 0.25% of each multiple mutuel pool to the Maryland Race  
13 Track Employees Pension Fund; AND

14 (II) USE 0.25% OF EACH MULTIPLE MUTUEL POOL TO IMPROVE THE  
15 FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF THE TRACK AND TO INCREASE MARKETING ACTIVITY,  
16 SO AS TO PROMOTE:

17 1. INCREASED ATTENDANCE AND PARI-MUTUEL BETTING;  
18 AND

19 2. ENHANCED WELL-BEING OF THE MILE THOROUGHBRED  
20 RACING INDUSTRY;

21 (2) allocate 0.32% of each multiple mutuel pool to the Commission for  
22 State tax;

23 (3) allocate 1.10% of each multiple mutuel pool to the Maryland-Bred  
24 Race Fund;

25 (4) allocate 11.70% of each multiple mutuel pool for purses;

26 (5) allocate 0.18% of each multiple mutuel pool as an additional amount  
27 for purses; and

28 (6) allocate 0.75% of each multiple mutuel pool paid to the Maryland  
29 Million, Ltd., for purses of Maryland Million races.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 October 1, 2006.