

SENATE BILL 817

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ENROLLED BILL

— Finance / Ways and Means —

Introduced by **Senator Della**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Thoroughbred Racing – Restrictions on Night and Sunday Racing – Repeal –**
3 **Pimlico Race Course Exception**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing certain restrictions on holding live thoroughbred racing
5 at night and on Sundays by *certain* mile thoroughbred racing licensees;
6 repealing a certain restriction on holding Sunday racing by the Maryland State
7 Fair and Agricultural Society, Inc.; *prohibiting a licensee from holding live*
8 *racing at Pimlico Race Course after a certain time unless circumstances beyond*
9 *the control of the licensee cause a delay; requiring the Maryland Jockey Club to*
10 *hold meetings with certain persons to discuss security and lighting for the*
11 *property of Pimlico Race Course and certain surrounding areas; requiring that a*

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



1 certain report be submitted to certain committees of the General Assembly on or
 2 before a certain date; and generally relating to thoroughbred racing.

3 BY repealing
 4 Article – Business Regulation
 5 Section 11–504
 6 Annotated Code of Maryland
 7 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

8 BY adding to
 9 Article – Business Regulation
 10 Section 11–504
 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
 12 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Business Regulation**

16 [11–504.

17 (a) (1) A licensee may hold live racing after 6:15 p.m. but not later than
 18 9:00 p.m. if:

19 (i) circumstances beyond the control of the licensee cause a
 20 delay;

21 (ii) the racing day is of national prominence; or

22 (iii) the racing is approved by the harness track licensee whose
 23 track is closest to the licensee’s track, the group that represents a majority of the
 24 owners and trainers who race horses at that harness track, and the group that
 25 represents a majority of the harness breeders in this State.

26 (2) A licensee may hold racing after 6:15 p.m. that consists of betting
 27 on races held at an out-of-state track, if the racing is:

28 (i) authorized under § 11–804 of this title; and

29 (ii) approved by the harness track licensee whose track is
 30 closest to the licensee’s track, the group that represents a majority of the owners and

1 trainers who race horses at that harness track, and the group that represents a
2 majority of the harness breeders in this State.

3 (3) Notwithstanding any approval for racing after 6:15 p.m., electrical
4 or artificial illumination, necessary for the purpose of holding live racing, may not be
5 permitted at Pimlico Race Course.

6 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) or (2) of this
7 subsection, a licensee in Allegany County may hold live or simulcast racing after 6:15
8 p.m., but not later than 11:30 p.m., unless circumstances beyond the control of the
9 licensee cause a delay.

10 (b) (1) Mile thoroughbred racing may not be held on a Sunday unless:

11 (i) the Commission approves; and

12 (ii) the racing begins at noon or later.

13 (2) The Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Inc., may not
14 hold a race on a Sunday except during the Maryland State Fair.]

15 **11-504.**

16 **A LICENSEE MAY NOT HOLD LIVE RACING AT PIMLICO RACE COURSE**
17 **AFTER 10:00 P.M. UNLESS CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE**
18 **LICENSEE CAUSE A DELAY.**

19 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Jockey**
20 **Club shall hold meetings with the City of Baltimore and representatives of the**
21 **neighborhoods in proximity to Pimlico Race Course to discuss security and lighting for**
22 **the Pimlico Race Course property and the surrounding areas when live racing is**
23 **scheduled after 6:15 p.m., with the exception of Preakness Day. The Maryland Jockey**
24 **Club shall submit a report describing the discussions to the Senate Finance Committee**
25 **and the House Committee on Ways and Means on or before June 15, 2007.**

26 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
27 effect June 1, 2007.