

# SENATE BILL 817

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By: **Senator Della**  
Introduced and read first time: February 16, 2007  
Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Thoroughbred Racing – Restrictions on Night and Sunday Racing – Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain restrictions on holding live thoroughbred racing  
4 at night and on Sundays by mile thoroughbred racing licensees; repealing a  
5 certain restriction on holding Sunday racing by the Maryland State Fair and  
6 Agricultural Society, Inc.; and generally relating to thoroughbred racing.

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

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

14 **Article – Business Regulation**

15 [11–504.

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

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

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

(ii) approved by the harness track licensee whose track is closest to the licensee's track, the group that represents a majority of the owners and trainers who race horses at that harness track, and the group that represents a majority of the harness breeders in this State.

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

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

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

(i) the Commission approves; and

(ii) the racing begins at noon or later.

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

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