

# SENATE BILL 817

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By: **Senator Della**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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### 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.



1           (a)   (1)   A licensee may hold live racing after 6:15 p.m. but not later than  
2 9:00 p.m. if:

3                           (i)    circumstances beyond the control of the licensee cause a  
4 delay;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25                           (i)    the Commission approves; and

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

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

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