

SENATE BILL 784

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By: **Senators King, Currie, DeGrange, Garagiola, Kasemeyer, and Middleton**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Horse Racing – Purse Dedication Account – Allocation of Funds**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain allocations of the Purse Dedication Account under
4 the authority of the State Racing Commission that is to be established with
5 certain video lottery proceeds; requiring that funds in the Account be allocated
6 in a certain way to thoroughbred purses at certain race tracks, the
7 Maryland-bred Race Fund, standardbred purses at certain race tracks, and the
8 Standardbred Race Fund; making this Act contingent on the taking effect of
9 another Act; and generally relating to the Purse Dedication Account under the
10 authority of the State Racing Commission.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – State Government
13 Section 9–1A–27(a)(4) and 9–1A–28(a), (b)(1), and (c)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)
16 (As enacted by Chapter 4 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2007
17 Special Session)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
19 Article – State Government
20 Section 9–1A–28(d) and (e)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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 (As enacted by Chapter 4 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2007
2 Special Session)

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

5 **Article – State Government**

6 9–1A–27.

7 (a) On a properly approved transmittal prepared by the Commission, the
8 Comptroller shall pay the following amounts from the proceeds of video lottery
9 terminals at each video lottery facility:

10 (4) 7% to the Purse Dedication Account established under § 9–1A–28
11 of this subtitle, not to exceed a total of \$100,000,000 to the Account annually;

12 9–1A–28.

13 (a) There is a Purse Dedication Account under the authority of the State
14 Racing Commission.

15 (b) (1) The Account shall receive money as required under § 9–1A–27 of
16 this subtitle.

17 (c) Subject to subsections (d) and (e) of this section, the State Racing
18 Commission shall allocate funds in the Account as follows:

19 (1) 80% to the thoroughbred industry; and

20 (2) 20% to the standardbred industry.

21 (d) The amount of funds allocated to thoroughbred purses and the
22 Maryland–bred Race Fund shall be allocated as follows:

23 (1) [85%] **89%** to thoroughbred purses at the Pimlico Race Course,
24 Laurel Park, the racecourse in Allegany County, and the racecourse at Timonium; and

25 (2) [15%] **11%** to the Maryland–bred Race Fund.

26 (e) ~~The~~ **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, THE** amount of
27 funds allocated to standardbred purses and the Standardbred Race Fund shall be
28 allocated as follows:

29 (1) [85%] **89%** to standardbred purses at Rosecroft Raceway, **AND**
30 Ocean Downs Race Course, ~~and the racecourse in Allegany County, allocated based on~~
31 ~~the number of live racing days at each track location~~ **OF WHICH:**

1 **(I) 70% SHALL BE ALLOCATED FOR PURSES AT ROSECROFT**
2 **RACEWAY IF AT LEAST 100 DAYS OF LIVE RACING WERE HELD AT ROSECROFT**
3 **RACEWAY IN THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR, UNLESS THE COMMISSION**
4 **APPROVES A SMALLER NUMBER OF DAYS; AND**

5 **(II) 30% SHALL BE ALLOCATED FOR PURSES AT OCEAN**
6 **DOWNNS RACE COURSE; and**

7 (2) [15%] 11% to the Standardbred Race Fund.

8 **(F) IF THE RACING DAYS REQUIREMENT IN SUBSECTION (E)(1)(I) IS**
9 **NOT MET, THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE THE ALLOCATION TO**
10 **STANDARD BRED PURSES AND THE STANDARD BRED RACE FUND.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2008, contingent on the taking effect of Chapter 4 of the Acts of the General
13 Assembly of the 2007 Special Session, and if Chapter 4 does not become effective, this
14 Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General
15 Assembly.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.