

CHAPTER 326

(House Bill 1506)

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study Thoroughbred Horse Racing at Rosecroft Raceway

FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Thoroughbred Horse Racing at Rosecroft Raceway; providing for the membership, appointment of members, chair, and staff of the Task Force; providing for the reimbursement for the members of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study the feasibility of conducting thoroughbred horse racing at Rosecroft Raceway, submit a report, and make certain recommendations by a certain date; terminating the Task Force on a certain date; and generally relating to a Task Force to Study Thoroughbred Horse Racing at Rosecroft Raceway.

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

- (a) There is a Task Force to Study Thoroughbred Horse Racing at Rosecroft Raceway.
- (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:
 - (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;
 - (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
 - (3) one member of the State Racing Commission, appointed by the chair of the Commission;
 - (4) one member of the Prince George's County Council, appointed by the chair of the council;
 - (5) one ~~member who is recommended by representative of~~ the Maryland Horse Breeders Association;
 - (6) one ~~member who is recommended by representative of~~ the mile thoroughbred licensees of the State;
 - (7) one ~~member who is recommended by representative of~~ the owner of Rosecroft Raceway; and

(8) one resident of the 26th Legislative District, appointed by the Governor.

(c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

(d) The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) study the feasibility of conducting thoroughbred horse racing at Rosecroft Raceway, including determining the probable impact of such racing on the community adjacent to Rosecroft Raceway and on the overall horse racing industry in the State, and ~~discovering~~ determining whether State funds would be available to facilitate thoroughbred horse racing at Rosecroft Raceway; and

(2) make recommendations regarding the future of Rosecroft Raceway.

(g) On or before ~~January 1, 2009~~ December 31, 2008, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, and the County Executive and County Council of Prince George's County.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~1 year and 1 month~~ 7 months and, at the end of ~~June 30, 2009~~ December 31, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.