

# HOUSE BILL 799

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Horse Racing – Satellite Simulcast Betting – Instant Racing**

3 FOR the purpose of broadening the scope of satellite simulcast betting on horse races  
4 to include instant racing; specifying that instant racing involves a bettor  
5 viewing a self-serve totalizator machine that displays a previously run horse  
6 race in digitalized form and certain information before and after the race; and  
7 generally relating to pari-mutuel betting on horse races.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Business Regulation  
10 Section 11–815  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 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 11–815.

17 (a) In this part the following words have the meanings indicated.

18 (b) “Permit” means a permit granted under this part to hold satellite  
19 simulcast betting.

20 (c) **(1)** “Satellite simulcast betting” means:

21 **[(1)] (I)** pari-mutuel betting at a satellite simulcast facility in the  
22 State on a race that is simulcast from a sending track by a mile thoroughbred racing  
23 licensee, a harness racing licensee, or the State Fair Society; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1            [(2)] (II) transmission of the pari-mutuel information regarding bets  
2 at the satellite simulcast facility to the sending track.

3            (2) **“SATELLITE SIMULCAST BETTING” INCLUDES A SYSTEM OF**  
4 **PARI-MUTUEL HORSE RACE BETTING COMMONLY KNOWN AS INSTANT RACING**  
5 **IN WHICH:**

6            (I) **A BETTOR USES HANDICAPPING SKILLS TO EVALUATE**  
7 **DATA PROVIDED FOR A PREVIOUSLY RUN HORSE RACE DISPLAYED ON A**  
8 **SELF-SERVE TOTALIZATOR MACHINE;**

9            (II) **THE TOTALIZATOR MACHINE SHOWS THE BETTOR THE**  
10 **PREVIOUSLY RUN HORSE RACE IN DIGITIZED FORM, CONCEALING FROM THE**  
11 **BETTOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE RACE AND ITS PARTICIPANTS; AND**

12            (III) **WHEN THE RACE IS OVER, THE TOTALIZATOR MACHINE**  
13 **REVEALS THE PREVIOUSLY CONCEALED INFORMATION AND THE WIN, PLACE,**  
14 **AND SHOW FINISHERS.**

15            SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 October 1, 2009.