

HOUSE BILL 1212

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

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 to be funded with certain video
5 lottery proceeds; requiring that funds in the Account be allocated in a certain
6 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; and generally relating to the Purse Dedication
9 Account under the authority of the State Racing Commission.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – State Government
12 Section 9–1A–27(a)(4) and 9–1A–28(a), (b)(1), and (c)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – State Government
17 Section 9–1A–28(d) and (e)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – State Government**

23 9–1A–27.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

4 (4) 7% to the Purse Dedication Account established under § 9-1A-28
5 of this subtitle, not to exceed a total of \$100,000,000 to the Account annually;
6 9-1A-28.

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

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

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

13 (1) 80% to the thoroughbred industry; and

14 (2) 20% to the standardbred industry.

15 (d) The amount of funds allocated to thoroughbred purses and the
16 Maryland-bred Race Fund shall be allocated as follows:

17 (1) [85%] **89%** to thoroughbred purses at the Pimlico Race Course,
18 Laurel Park, the racecourse in Allegany County, and the racecourse at Timonium; and

19 (2) [15%] **11%** to the Maryland-bred Race Fund.

20 (e) The amount of funds allocated to standardbred purses and the
21 Standardbred Race Fund shall be allocated as follows:

22 (1) [85%] **89%** to standardbred purses at Rosecroft Raceway, Ocean
23 Downs Race Course, and the racecourse in Allegany County, allocated based on the
24 number of live racing days at each track location; and

25 (2) [15%] **11%** to the Standardbred Race Fund.

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