

CHAPTER 447

(House Bill 1212)

AN ACT concerning

Horse Racing – Purse Dedication Account – Allocation of Funds

FOR the purpose of altering certain allocations of the Purse Dedication Account under the authority of the State Racing Commission to be funded with certain video lottery proceeds; requiring that funds in the Account be allocated in a certain way to thoroughbred purses at certain race tracks, the Maryland–bred Race Fund, standardbred purses at certain race tracks, and the Standardbred Race Fund; and generally relating to the Purse Dedication Account under the authority of the State Racing Commission.

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

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

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

Article – State Government

9–1A–27.

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

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

9–1A–28.

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

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

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

(1) 80% to the thoroughbred industry; and

(2) 20% to the standardbred industry.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 7, 2009.