

# HOUSE BILL 180

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Video Lottery Terminal Revenues – Purse Dedication Account – Standardbred**  
3 **Racetrack Operating Assistance**

4 FOR the purpose of extending through certain calendar years the authorization to use  
5 certain Purse Dedication Account funds generated from video lottery proceeds for  
6 operating assistance by the Ocean Downs Race Course and Rosecroft Raceway to  
7 support a minimum number of live racing days at each race course; and generally  
8 relating to the use of Purse Dedication Account funds by the Ocean Downs Race  
9 Course and Rosecroft Raceway for operating assistance.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – State Government  
12 Section 9–1A–27(a)(4) and 9–1A–28(a) and (e)(1)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2014 Replacement Volume)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – State Government  
17 Section 9–1A–28(g)(1)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2014 Replacement Volume)

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

22 **Article – State Government**

23 9–1A–27.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section and §  
2 9–1A–26(a)(3) of this subtitle, on a properly approved transmittal prepared by the  
3 Commission, the Comptroller shall pay the following amounts from the proceeds of video  
4 lottery terminals at each video lottery facility:

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

7 9–1A–28.

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

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

12 (1) 89% to standardbred purses at Rosecroft Raceway, Ocean Downs Race  
13 Course, and the racecourse in Allegany County, allocated based on the number of live racing  
14 days at each track location; and

15 (g) (1) Of the amount provided from the Purse Dedication Account under  
16 subsection (e)(1) of this section:

17 (i) for Ocean Downs Race Course, up to \$1,200,000 each year for  
18 calendar years [2012, 2013, 2014, and] 2015, **2016, 2017, 2018, AND 2019** may be used  
19 to provide operating assistance to support a minimum of 40 annual live racing days for  
20 calendar years [2012, 2013, 2014, and] 2015, **2016, 2017, 2018, AND 2019** unless the  
21 racing licensee is prevented by weather, acts of God, or other circumstances beyond the  
22 racing licensee's control; and

23 (ii) for Rosecroft Raceway, up to \$1,200,000 each year for calendar  
24 years [2012, 2013, 2014, and] 2015, **2016, 2017, 2018, AND 2019** may be used to provide  
25 operating assistance to support a minimum of 40 annual live racing days for calendar years  
26 [2012, 2013, 2014, and] 2015, **2016, 2017, 2018, AND 2019** unless the racing licensee is  
27 prevented by weather, acts of God, or other circumstances beyond the racing licensee's  
28 control.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
30 October 1, 2015.