

SENATE BILL 929

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(5lr3106)

ENROLLED BILL

— Budget and Taxation / Ways and Means —

Introduced by **Senators King and Miller**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Video Lottery Terminal Revenues – Standardbred Owners and Trainers –**
3 **Benefit Programs**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the organization that represents a majority of the
5 standardbred owners and trainers in the State to apply to the Secretary of Labor,
6 Licensing, and Regulation for the reimbursement of certain expenditures not to
7 exceed a certain amount *of certain purses*; providing that the reimbursement amount
8 be deducted from the Purse Dedication Account funded by video lottery terminal
9 revenues; specifying certain programs for which reimbursement is allowable;
10 prohibiting the reimbursement calculation from including certain items; requiring
11 the organization to provide certain information to the Secretary; *defining a certain*
12 *term*; and generally relating to video lottery terminal revenues and standardbred
13 owners and trainers.

14 BY adding to

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



1 Article – State Government
 2 Section 9–1A–28.1
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland
 4 (2014 Replacement Volume)

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

7 **Article – State Government**

8 **9–1A–28.1.**

9 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “OPEN PURSE” MEANS ANY PURSE, EXCEPT FOR ONE**
 10 **OFFERED IN A RACE FUNDED BY THE MARYLAND STANDARDBRED RACE FUND.**

11 ~~(A)~~ **(B)** (1) THE ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS A MAJORITY OF
 12 THE STANDARDBRED OWNERS AND TRAINERS IN THE STATE MAY APPLY TO THE
 13 SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT
 14 OF EXPENDITURES LISTED IN SUBSECTION ~~(B)~~ **(C)** OF THIS SECTION.

15 (2) FROM THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO THE PURSE DEDICATION
 16 ACCOUNT UNDER § 9–1A–28(E)(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE, ~~AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED~~
 17 ~~2% MAY BE ALLOCATED~~ **THE SECRETARY MAY ALLOCATE TO THE ORGANIZATION**
 18 **THAT REPRESENTS A MAJORITY OF THE STANDARDBRED OWNERS AND TRAINERS IN**
 19 **THE STATE AN AMOUNT** FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES REQUESTED
 20 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ~~(A) OF THIS SECTION.~~

21 **(3) THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED BY THE SECRETARY UNDER**
 22 **PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IN ADDITION TO ANY AMOUNT AGREED ON**
 23 **UNDER A CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT WITH TRACK LICENSEES, MAY NOT EXCEED**
 24 **2% OF ALL OPEN PURSES.**

25 ~~(B)~~ **(C)** EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER
 26 SUBSECTION ~~(A)~~ **(B)** OF THIS SECTION INCLUDE THE ORDINARY AND REASONABLE
 27 COSTS OF ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS FOR
 28 STANDARDBRED OWNERS AND TRAINERS:

29 (1) COUNSELING PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS ISSUES SUCH AS DRUG
 30 ADDICTION, DEPRESSION, MARITAL PROBLEMS, AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS;

31 (2) PREVENTIVE CARE PROGRAMS SUCH AS HEALTH FAIRS,
 32 MAMMOGRAM SCREENINGS, AND FLU VACCINATION CLINICS;

1 (3) GROUP HEALTH, LIFE, AND ON-TRACK DRIVERS' INSURANCE
2 PLANS; AND

3 (4) RETIREMENT PROGRAMS.

4 ~~(C)~~ (D) THE REIMBURSEMENT CALCULATION UNDER SUBSECTION ~~(B)~~ (C)
5 OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT INCLUDE:

6 (1) EXTRAORDINARY INCOME AND EXPENSE-RELATED ITEMS,
7 INCLUDING EXTRAORDINARY LITIGATION EXPENSES;

8 (2) LOBBYING FEES;

9 (3) CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, INCLUDING PREDEVELOPMENT COSTS;
10 OR

11 (4) PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENTS AND CLAIMS.

12 ~~(D)~~ (E) IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION AND A REQUEST FOR
13 REIMBURSEMENT SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION ~~(A)~~ (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE
14 ORGANIZATION SHALL PROVIDE TO THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND
15 REGULATION IN A FORM SATISFACTORY TO THE SECRETARY:

16 ~~(1) MONTHLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE
17 SECRETARY, IN A FORM SATISFACTORY TO THE SECRETARY; AND~~

18 ~~(2) AN ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT.~~

19 (1) AN ITEMIZED STATEMENT UNDER OATH FOR THE PRECEDING
20 FISCAL YEAR OF RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES AND OF ALL DISBURSEMENTS,
21 INCLUDING SALARIES OF ALL OFFICERS, ATTORNEY FEES, AND LOBBYING EXPENSES;
22 AND

23 (2) A CERTIFIED AUDIT BY A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT OF THE
24 FINANCIAL RECORDS OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
26 1, 2015.