

SENATE BILL 1116

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CF HB 815

By: ~~Cecil County Senators~~ Senators Norman, Hershey, Astle, Benson, Feldman,
Jennings, Kelley, Klausmeier, Mathias, Middleton, Pugh, and Reilly

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Horse Racing – Fair Hill – Arabian Breed Racing Authorization**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a licensee at the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management
4 Area to conduct live racing of Arabian breed horses under certain circumstances;
5 defining a certain term; and generally relating to horse racing at Fair Hill.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

7 Article – Business Regulation

8 Section 11–701 through 11–704

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Business Regulation

13 Section 11–705

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Business Regulation**

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.



1 11-701.

2 This subtitle applies only to the licensee that is the Cecil County Breeders' Fair, Inc.,
3 or its successor.

4 11-702.

5 (a) (1) The Commission shall issue a license to the Cecil County Breeders'
6 Fair, Inc., or its successor to hold racing on at least 2 but not more than 8 one-day race
7 meetings a year for steeplechase, hurdle, or flat racing at the Fair Hill Natural Resources
8 Management Area.

9 (2) The racing shall be held on dates that the licensee chooses and the
10 Commission approves.

11 (b) In conjunction with this racing, an agricultural fair with livestock entered for
12 exhibition shall be held under the auspices of the State Fair Board on at least 1 racing day.

13 (c) For each racing day, the licensee shall offer at least 1 steeplechase or hurdle
14 race for each flat race, but an additional flat race may be substituted for a steeplechase race
15 or hurdle race that is not filled.

16 (d) An officer of the licensee may not receive a salary or dividends from racing
17 allowed under this subtitle.

18 (e) The licensee shall allocate to the Union Hospital of Cecil County all profits
19 earned under this subtitle, including money from pari-mutuel betting, admission charges,
20 and other receipts.

21 11-703.

22 The Commission may issue a license to the licensee to hold racing on 2 race meetings
23 a year for quarter horse racing at the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area.

24 11-704.

25 (a) (1) The licensee shall deduct from the handle:

26 (i) all the breakage; and

27 (ii) 25%.

28 (2) From the 25% that the licensee deducts from the handle, 9% of the
29 handle shall be paid to the Commission, which shall send it to the Comptroller to be
30 credited to the Fair Hill Improvement Fund established in § 5-908 of the Natural Resources
31 Article.

1 (b) Money that remains after deductions are made under subsection (a) of this
2 section shall be returned as winnings to successful bettors.

3 **11-705.**

4 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "ARABIAN BREED HORSE" MEANS A HORSE THAT:

5 (1) IS A PUREBRED ARABIAN BREED HORSE; AND

6 (2) HAS A VALID CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRY WITH THE ARABIAN
7 JOCKEY CLUB OF AMERICA.

8 (B) A LICENSEE AT THE FAIR HILL NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
9 AREA MAY CONDUCT LIVE RACING OF ARABIAN BREED HORSES IF:

10 (1) THE PURSE FOR AN ARABIAN BREED RACE IS FUNDED BY THE
11 LICENSEE OR THE SPONSOR OF THE RACE;

12 (2) THE TAKEOUT PROVISIONS OF § 11-704 OF THIS SUBTITLE APPLY
13 TO THE RACE;

14 (3) THE LICENSEE PAYS ALL TAXES AND FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE
15 ARABIAN BREED RACE THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE DUE ON A STEEPLECHASE,
16 HURDLE, OR FLAT RACE; AND

17 (4) THE ARABIAN BREED RACE IS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2016.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.