

Chapter 184

(House Bill 1721)

AN ACT concerning

**Horse Racing – Maryland International and Preakness Stakes Incentives –
Modifications**

FOR the purpose of altering the amount available for a purse for the Maryland International thoroughbred race; specifying that the Maryland International is a graded stakes; authorizing, with the approval of the State Racing Commission, a certain race; requiring that certain money distributed to the Racing Special Fund and paid for certain purposes remain available for certain purposes; repealing certain requirements that certain lottery revenues be deposited in the Racing Special Fund; making a conforming change; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland International thoroughbred race and Preakness Stakes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 11–403(a)(9) and 11–522.1(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 11–403(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 727 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016
Section 2

BY adding to
Article – Business Regulation
Section 11–403(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–120(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Business Regulation

11–403.

(a) The Comptroller shall pay from the Special Fund an annual grant of:

(9) beginning July 1, 2017, from the money distributed under § 9–120(b) of the State Government Article:

(i) **UP TO** \$500,000 to a purse for the Maryland International thoroughbred race under § 11–522.1 of this title;

(ii) \$350,000 to the Maryland Office of Sports Marketing in the Maryland Stadium Authority for incentive grants for youth and amateur sporting events; and

(iii) \$150,000 to the Maryland Humanities Council for Maryland History Day and other programming.

(b) (1) In fiscal year 2017, the Comptroller shall pay, from the money distributed to the Special Fund, \$500,000 to the Maryland Racing Commission to be used, in a manner determined by the Maryland Racing Commission, for a bonus award program for Maryland–bred or Maryland–sired horses running in the Preakness Stakes.

(2) The Maryland Racing Commission shall consult with representatives of the thoroughbred racing industry prior to establishing the rules and criteria for the bonus award program.

(3) If, under the rules of the bonus award program, funds remain in the program after the Preakness Stakes is conducted on one or more occasions, remaining funds shall carry over to the next fiscal year and may not revert to the General Fund.

11–522.1.

(a) (1) There is a Maryland International thoroughbred race conducted by a licensee at Laurel Park.

(2) The Maryland International is a [Grade 1] **GRADED** stakes race run on a turf track.

Chapter 727 of the Acts of 2016

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July

1, 2016. [It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2019, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Business Regulation

11–403.

(D) ANY AMOUNTS PAID BY THE COMPTROLLER FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (A)(9) AND (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR THOSE PURPOSES AND MAY NOT BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE.

Article – State Government

9–120.

(b) (1) By the end of the month following collection, the Comptroller shall deposit or cause to be deposited:

(i) into the Maryland Stadium Facilities Fund established under § 7–312 of the State Finance and Procurement Article from the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund, after the distribution under subsection (a) of this section, an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 in any fiscal year;

(ii) after June 30, 2014, into the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund 10% of the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of sales of tickets from instant ticket lottery machines by veterans' organizations under § 9–112(d) of this subtitle, after the distribution under subsection (a) of this section;

(iii) after June 30, 2014, into the Baltimore City Public School Construction Financing Fund established under § 10–656 of the Economic Development Article the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of all lotteries after the distributions under subsection (a) of this section and items (i) and (ii) of this paragraph, an amount equal to \$20,000,000 in each fiscal year that bonds are outstanding and unpaid, to be paid in two installments with at least \$10,000,000 paid no later than December 1 of each fiscal year; **AND**

(iv) [after June 30, 2016, into the Racing Special Fund established under § 11–401 of the Business Regulation Article from money that remains in the State Lottery Fund after the distributions under subsection (a) of this section and items (i), (ii), and (iii) of this paragraph, an amount equal to \$500,000;

(v) after June 30, 2017, into the Racing Special Fund established under § 11-401 of the Business Regulation Article from money that remains in the State Lottery Fund after the distributions under subsection (a) of this section and items (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) of this paragraph, an amount equal to \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year; and

(vi)] into the General Fund of the State the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of all lotteries after the distributions under subsection (a) of this section and items (i), (ii), **AND** (iii)[, (iv), and (v)] of this paragraph.

(2) The money paid into the General Fund under this subsection is available in the fiscal year in which the money accumulates in the State Lottery Fund.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2018.