

# HOUSE BILL 887

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By: **Delegate Hornberger**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2026

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Video Lottery Terminals – Distribution of Local Impact Grants – Allocation for**  
3 **Fair Hill Purses**

4 FOR the purpose of altering, for certain fiscal years, the distribution of proceeds from video  
5 lottery terminals by requiring a certain portion of local impact grants distributed to  
6 Cecil County to be used for purses offered for certain races held at the Fair Hill  
7 Natural Resources Management Area; and generally relating to the distribution of  
8 proceeds from video lottery terminals and local impact grants.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – State Government  
11 Section 9–1A–31(a)(1)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – State Government  
16 Section 9–1A–31(a)(8)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – State Government**

22 9–1A–31.

23 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (8) of this subsection, the local impact  
24 grants provided under § 9–1A–27 of this subtitle shall be distributed as provided in this  
25 subsection.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (8)    **(I)**     Beginning after a video lottery operation license is issued to a  
2 video lottery facility in Baltimore City, 100% of the local impact grants provided under §  
3 9–1A–27 of this subtitle from the proceeds of the video lottery facilities located in Allegany,  
4 Cecil, and Worcester counties shall be distributed to the local jurisdictions in which those  
5 video lottery facilities are located.

6                               **(II)    NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION,**  
7 **FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2027 THROUGH 2029, OF THE AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED**  
8 **TO CECIL COUNTY, \$200,000 SHALL BE USED FOR PURSES OFFERED FOR RACES**  
9 **HELD AT THE FAIR HILL NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AREA IN**  
10 **ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 11, SUBTITLE 7 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION**  
11 **ARTICLE.**

12               SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
13 1, 2026.