

# HOUSE BILL 337

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By: **Delegates Lehman, Bartlett, Guzzone, Pena–Melnyk, Taveras, and Terrasa**  
Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2025  
Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Lottery Fund – Laurel Race Course – Local Impact Aid**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Comptroller, each fiscal year, to distribute from the State  
4 Lottery Fund a certain amount of supplemental local impact aid to Anne Arundel  
5 County, Howard County, and the City of Laurel from the proceeds of a certain lottery  
6 game; and generally relating to the State Lottery Fund and supplemental local  
7 impact aid for Anne Arundel County, Howard County, and the City of Laurel.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Business Regulation  
10 Section 11–404(d)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2024 Replacement Volume)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – State Government  
15 Section 9–120(b)(1)(xiii) and (xiv)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

18 BY adding to  
19 Article – State Government  
20 Section 9–120(b)(1)(xiv), (3), and (4)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

25 **Article – Business Regulation**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 11-404.

2 (d) (1) If 140 or more days of live racing in a year are held at Laurel Race  
3 Course, the Comptroller shall pay:

4 (i) for each day of live racing, \$2,000 to Anne Arundel County, \$500  
5 to Howard County, and \$300 to the City of Laurel; and

6 (ii) for each additional day of intertrack betting without live racing  
7 held, \$1,000 to Anne Arundel County, \$250 to Howard County, and \$150 to the City of  
8 Laurel.

9 (2) If fewer than 140 days of live racing in a year are held at Laurel Race  
10 Course, the Comptroller shall pay:

11 (i) for each day of live racing or each day of intertrack betting  
12 without live racing held, up to a maximum payment for 140 days, \$2,000 to Anne Arundel  
13 County, \$500 to Howard County, and \$300 to the City of Laurel; and

14 (ii) for each additional day of intertrack betting without live racing  
15 held, \$1,000 to Anne Arundel County, \$250 to Howard County, and \$150 to the City of  
16 Laurel.

17 **Article – State Government**

18 9-120.

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

21 (xiii) after June 30, 2024, a supplemental local impact grant of  
22 \$3,000,000 each fiscal year to the County Executive and County Council of Prince George's  
23 County from the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of all  
24 lotteries after the distributions under subsection (a) of this section and items (i) through  
25 (xii) of this paragraph to be distributed in Prince George's County in accordance with §  
26 9-1A-31 of this title; [and]

27 **(XIV) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION AFTER**  
28 **JUNE 30, 2025, SUPPLEMENTAL LOCAL IMPACT AID OF \$500,000 EACH FISCAL YEAR**  
29 **FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE RACETRAX LOTTERY GAME TO ANNE ARUNDEL**  
30 **COUNTY, HOWARD COUNTY, AND THE CITY OF LAUREL IN PROPORTION TO EACH**  
31 **JURISDICTION'S SHARE OF THE MONEY REQUIRED TO BE PAID UNDER § 11-404(D)**  
32 **OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE TO BE USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH**  
33 **PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND**

1            [(xiv)] (XV) into the General Fund of the State the money that remains  
2 in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of all lotteries after the distributions under  
3 subsection (a) of this section and items (i) through [(xiii)] (XIV) of this paragraph.

4            **(3) THE COMPTROLLER MAY NOT PAY THE SUPPLEMENTAL LOCAL  
5 IMPACT AID REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(XIV) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR ANY  
6 FISCAL YEAR FOLLOWING THE FISCAL YEAR THAT:**

7            **(I) LAUREL RACE COURSE IS NO LONGER USED FOR LIVE  
8 RACING OR TRAINING; OR**

9            **(II) BACKSTRETCH WORKERS EMPLOYED AT LAUREL RACE  
10 COURSE ARE NO LONGER LIVING ON THE LAUREL RACE COURSE PROPERTY.**

11            **(4) (I) ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, HOWARD COUNTY, AND THE  
12 CITY OF LAUREL SHALL USE THE SUPPLEMENTAL LOCAL IMPACT AID REQUIRED  
13 UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(XIV) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO PROVIDE PROGRAMS AND  
14 SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING LAUREL RACE COURSE  
15 INCLUDING:**

- 16            1. HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES;
- 17            2. INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY COUNSELING;
- 18            3. DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADDICTION AWARENESS,  
19 SUPPORT, AND TREATMENT;
- 20            4. SOCIAL SERVICES;
- 21            5. NUTRITION AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS; AND
- 22            6. TRANSPORTATION, IF NECESSARY, TO OFF-SITE  
23 MEDICAL AND WELLNESS SERVICES.

24            **(II) 1. ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MAY USE THE  
25 SUPPLEMENTAL LOCAL IMPACT AID UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(XIV) OF THIS  
26 SUBSECTION ONLY TO PROVIDE GRANT FUNDING FOR THE PURPOSES IDENTIFIED  
27 UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:**

28            **A. WITH A HISTORY OF WORKING WITH BACKSTRETCH  
29 WORKERS EMPLOYED AT LAUREL RACE COURSE; AND**

1                                   **B.     THAT EMPLOY SPANISH–SPEAKING PROGRAM STAFF**  
2 **OR PROVIDE TRANSLATION SERVICES FOR NONNATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS.**

3                                   **2.     A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT RECEIVES GRANT**  
4 **FUNDING UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH MAY USE THE FUNDING ONLY TO PROVIDE**  
5 **PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AT LAUREL RACE COURSE OR WITHIN 1 MILE OF LAUREL**  
6 **RACE COURSE TO BACKSTRETCH WORKERS EMPLOYED AT LAUREL RACE COURSE**  
7 **OR RESIDENTS LIVING IN THE 20724 POSTAL ZIP CODE.**

8                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
9 1, 2025.