

HISTORICAL HORSE RACING AUTHORIZATION SB639 / HB1240

WHAT HHR IS

Historical Horse Racing (HHR) is a form of pari-mutuel wagering occurring in 8 other states.

HHR Machines allow players to wager on previously-run US horse races using a modern slots-style gaming interface.

Players can manually select order of finish using anonymized information about horses, trainers and jockeys or can use auto-handicap “quick pick” for fast play.

- Protections ensure that players cannot identify specific races or horses for an unfair advantage.

HHR prizes come from a pool built up from player bets (parimutuel) instead of playing against the house.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Maryland's longstanding off-track betting parlors (OTBs) are dying due to introduction of casinos and mobile sports wagering.

HHR lets OTBs deploy horse racing's rich history in a modern, fun, accessible format.

OTB sites are already gaming sites, this is just a variation on the types allowed already.

OTB sites are in Frederick, Washington Co., and Southern MD/VA, where gaming is being lost to out-of-state casinos. OTBs will not compete with Maryland casino sites.

Substantial new revenues to help fund the Blueprint.

