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6. No person or persons, association or corporation shall thereafter hold or conduct any meeting within the State of Maryland whereat horse-racing shall be permitted for any stake, purse or reward, except such person, association or corporation shall be licensed by the Commission as hereinafter provided.

See art. 27, sec. 247, *et seq.*, and notes.

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7. Any person or persons, association or corporation desiring to conduct racing within the State of Maryland during any calendar year, shall apply to the Maryland Racing Commission for a license so to do. Such application shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission on or before a day to be fixed by the Commission. Such application shall specify the days on which such racing is desired to be conducted or held, and such application shall be in such form and supply such data and information as the said Maryland Racing Commission shall prescribe. Said Racing Commission shall, as soon as practicable during nineteen hundred and twenty (1920), and on or before the first day of March of each year thereafter, award all dates for racing in the State of Maryland within the current year, but the said dates so awarded shall not exceed One Hundred days in the aggregate, and the decision of the Commission on the award of all such dates shall be final. The Commission shall have the power to reject any application for a license for any cause which it may deem sufficient and the action of the Commission shall be final. No one person, corporation or association shall be given a license to conduct racing for more than thirty days in one year, and no person, corporation or association, shall be licensed to hold more than two meetings in any one year, nor shall more than two meetings for racing with an aggregate of Thirty days be held in any one year on any one track within the State of Maryland; provided, however, that the Commission shall issue no license nor award any dates for racing on any tracks or places for holding races in Maryland, unless on such tracks or places for holding races, races have been run or held at least once in every year for a period of three consecutive years immediately prior to the passage of this Act. The intent and purpose of this proviso being that no new or additional tracks or places for holding races shall be licensed or awarded dates for holding or conducting races.

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8. Each applicant desiring to hold races on the days or day awarded by the Commission shall, before the issuance of any license therefor, pay to the said Commission a license fee of six thousand (\$6,000) dollars for each day of any meeting for the conduct of races so licensed. Provided, however, that nothing in this Article shall be construed to repeal the provisions of Chapter 264 of the Acts of 1918, except that the Maryland Racing Commission herein created shall be substituted for the Racing Commission of Baltimore County mentioned in said Chapter 264 of the