

lishing the Relief Fund of the Maryland Racing Commission and authorizing the Maryland Racing Commission to disburse funds now held by it in the name of the Board of Relief—Maryland Racing Commission and certain fines and penalties hereafter collected from jockeys, trainers, owners and others and over-payment on the tote machines to stable attendants and others who become ill or injured in the performance of their duties on the race tracks in Maryland and also to pay certain burial allowances.

WHEREAS, in 1921, the Maryland Racing Commission, in conjunction with the tracks, established an organization known as the Board of Relief—Maryland Racing Associations to furnish welfare benefits to indigent jockeys, trainers, owners and others, and for many years paid over to said Board of Relief all fines collected from jockeys, trainers, owners and others and over-payment on the tote machines for the purpose of furnishing such welfare benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Racing Commission in recent years has questioned the legality of using such funds for furnishing welfare benefits to jockeys, trainers, owners and others and has accumulated fines in the amount of Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-five Dollars and Eighty-three Cents (\$5,845.83) and over-payment on the tote machines in the amount of Nine Hundred Thirty-two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$932.50), or a total of Six Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-eight Dollars and Thirty-three Cents (\$6,778.33), and annually collects as fines an additional amount of approximately One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00); now therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 78B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Racing Commission", said new section to be known as Section 19, to follow immediately after Section 18 of said Article, and to read as follows:

19. The Maryland Racing Commission is hereby authorized to establish a special fund to be known as the Relief Fund of the Maryland Racing Commission. The said fund will be under the jurisdiction of the Maryland Racing Commission. The said Commission is hereby authorized and directed to pay into such fund all monies now in the fund known as Board of Relief—Maryland Racing Commission and all fines and penalties and over-payment on the tote machines, except such fines and penalties as may be imposed