

CHAPTER 250

(Senate Bill 231)

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Racing Commission – Authority to Fine Licensees**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland Racing Commission to impose a fine on a licensee for a violation of the provisions of certain laws or regulations governing horse racing; altering the circumstances under which the Commission may suspend or revoke a license; requiring the Commission to consider certain factors in determining a penalty to be imposed; altering the scope of review of final actions of the Commission; and generally relating to the authority of the Maryland Racing Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78B – Racing Commission

Section 10

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1988 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

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

**Article 78B – Racing Commission**

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(A) (1) Upon the award of days to any applicant, and upon payment of the license fees as herein prescribed, the Commission shall issue a license for the holding of the meeting or meetings during the days awarded to such applicant, and for which the license fees shall have been paid.

(2) [Said license] THE LICENSEE shall be subject to all rights, regulations and conditions from time to time prescribed by the Commission [and shall be subject to suspension or revocation by the Commission for any cause whatsoever which the Commission may, in its discretion, deem sufficient].

(B) (1) FOR ANY VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE OR OF ANY REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION, THE COMMISSION MAY:

(I) SUSPEND OR REVOKE A LICENSE; OR

(II) IMPOSE ON THE LICENSEE A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000 PER DAY OF RACING SCHEDULED FOR THE LICENSEE.

(2) IN DETERMINING THE PENALTY TO BE IMPOSED UNDER