

members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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CHAPTER 273.

AN ACT to provide for the regulation, control and licensing of horse racing within the State of Maryland, to create a Maryland Racing Commission, and to prescribe its powers and duties, and providing for salaries and expenses therefor, and to provide for the license fees to be charged and taxes to be collected for the conduct of horse racing within the State of Maryland and the disposition thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, 1. That there shall be a Maryland Racing Commission, and the same is hereby created and established, which said Maryland Racing Commission shall be vested with and possessed of the powers and duties in this Act specified and also the powers necessary or proper to enable it to carry out fully and effectually all the purposes of this Act. The jurisdiction, supervision, powers and duties of the Maryland Racing Commission herein created and established shall extend under this Act to any and all person or persons, associations or corporations which shall hereafter hold or conduct any meeting within the State of Maryland whereat horse racing shall be permitted for any stake, purse or reward.

2. Said Maryland Racing Commission shall consist of three members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, and not more than two of whom shall be of the same political party, and one of whom shall be designated by the Governor to be the Chairman of the said Commission. Each Commissioner at the time of his appointment and qualification shall be a resident of the State of Maryland and shall have resided in said State for a period of at least five years next preceding his appointment and qualification, and he shall also be a qualified voter therein and not less than twenty-five years of age. One of said Commissioners shall hold office for two years from the beginning of his term of office and until his successor shall qualify. One of said Commissioners shall hold office for four years from the beginning of his term of office and until