

of the average daily purses paid by each of said tracks, respectively, in 1937. The allowance of this $\frac{1}{2}\%$ additional take and its application to the payment of purse increases shall be subject to change or repeal by the Commission at any time, but shall continue in effect until further order of the Commission.

“Be it resolved that, effective as of April 12, 1944, and thereafter, until the further order of the Commission, each of the four Mile Racing Associations, at any meet which they shall respectively hold, shall as agents, collect for the Maryland Racing Commission an additional $\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the mutuel pool, and shall deposit such additional $\frac{1}{2}\%$ daily as agents, to the order of the Maryland Racing Commission, in such depository or depositories as may, from time to time, be designated by the Commission.

“Be it further resolved that, the $\frac{1}{2}\%$ additional take so collected by the tracks as agents for the Commission, shall be held by the Maryland Racing Commission until the 1945 Regular Session of the General Assembly of Maryland shall authorize the disposition under the supervision of the Maryland Racing Commission, of said funds so collected.”

be and the same is hereby ratified, confirmed and validated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all funds which have been heretofore collected, pursuant to said Resolution of April 29, 1944, accounting from April 12, 1944, to the effective date of this Act, and which are held by the Commission, shall be added by the Commission to the Racing Fund provided for by Section 11A of Article 78B of the Code as added by the 1945 Regular Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, and shall be held and disposed of by the Commission pursuant to the provisions of said Section 11A.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed upon a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 4, 1945.