

year 1954, said additional day to be in lieu of one day on which a blizzard prevented racing in the year 1953.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 7 of Article 78B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951), the Maryland Racing Commission awarded an aggregate of 100 days of mile-track racing in the year 1953; and

WHEREAS, One of the days so awarded was Saturday, November 7, 1953; and

WHEREAS, Because of a blizzard on Saturday, November 7, 1953, it was impossible to conduct racing on that day; and

WHEREAS, As a result thereof, only 99 days of mile-track racing were conducted in Maryland in the year 1953 instead of the 100 days of racing annually permitted and contemplated by law; and

WHEREAS, Each mile-track licensee pays to the Maryland Racing Commission a license fee of \$1,000.00 for each day on which racing is conducted, which fee for Saturday, November 7, 1953 has been returned, as provided by law, to the licensee to which said date had been awarded; and

WHEREAS, Each mile-track licensee pays to the Maryland Racing Commission, for the use of the State of Maryland, a tax of four per cent (4%) on the total amount of money wagered on all races during each and every day on which racing is conducted, and in addition thereto, one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the breakage received by it as licensee; and

WHEREAS, The aforementioned license, fee, tax on wagers and breakage tax are, and for a long time have been, a staple source of revenue to the State Government; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has lost a substantial amount of revenue due to the impossibility of conducting races on November 7, 1953, as aforesaid; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Maryland Racing Commission be and it is hereby authorized and directed to award one additional day of racing in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-four (1954) in lieu of the one licensed day in nineteen hundred and fifty-three (1953) on which racing could not be conducted. This one additional day of racing shall be in addition to all such other days of racing which would otherwise be permitted within the State of Maryland during 1954, notwithstanding any provision of the Public General or Public Local Laws restricting the number of days upon