

nineteen hundred and [forty-three (1943)] *sixty-three (1963)* [and on or before the first day of March of each year thereafter], award all dates for racing in the State of Maryland within the current year, and shall, on or before December 1 of nineteen hundred and sixty-three (1963) and on or before December 1 of each year thereafter, award all dates for racing for the ensuing year. [but the] The said dates so awarded shall not exceed one hundred and twenty (120) days in the aggregate, and the decision of the Commission on the award of all such dates shall be final.

(c) The Commission shall have the power to reject any application for a license for any cause which it may deem sufficient and the action of the Commission shall be final. No one person, corporation or association shall be given a license to conduct racing for more than [fifty-four (54)] *seventy-eight (78)* days in one year, nor shall more than an aggregate of [seventy-two (72)] *one hundred and four (104)* days of racing be held in any one year on any one track within the State of Maryland.

(d) The said Racing Commission may, at any time or times, in its discretion, authorize any person, corporation or association to transfer its racing meet or meetings from its own track, or place for holding races, to the track, or place for holding races, of any other person, corporation or association now conducting racing in the State of Maryland upon payment of any and all appropriate license fees for the conduct of racing at the particular track, or place for holding races, on which the racing is to be conducted; provided, however, that no such authority to transfer shall be granted without the express consent of the person, corporation or association owning or leasing the track to which such transfer is made, but nothing in this section shall affect in any manner the license fees, requirements, rights, conditions, terms and provisions of Section 8 of this article; provided, further, that the Commission shall issue no license nor award any dates for racing on any tracks or places for holding races in Maryland, unless on such tracks or places for holding races, races have been run or held at least once in every year for a period of three consecutive years immediately prior to May 6, 1943, it being the intent, purpose and effect of this section to insure that no new or additional tracks or places for holding or conducting races shall be licensed or awarded dates; provided, however, that if the Maryland Jockey Club, the Southern Maryland Agricultural Association, or the [Maryland State Fair, Inc.,] *Laurel Race Course, Inc.*, respectively, shall permanently abandon for racing purposes the Pimlico Track, the Bowie Track, or the Laurel Track, the association so abandoning the track at which it has heretofore regularly conducted race meetings under the authority of this article and this section may be licensed and awarded dates for the holding or conducting of races or race meetings at a new track location in the State. APPROVED BY LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENT.

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Said Commission may in its discretion meet subsequent to the first day of [March] *December* and award dates for racing within the limits hereinbefore provided on applications submitted to it, provided that the days so awarded in no way conflict with the further provisions of this article; and provided, further, that no license for a race meeting shall issue prior to the payment of the fees therefor at the rate hereinbefore provided.