

GENERAL," PROVIDING THAT THE RACING COMMISSION MAY AWARD NOT EXCEEDING ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR (144) DAYS IN THE AGGREGATE IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR TO ANY PARTY DESIRING TO CONDUCT RACING WITHIN THE STATE OF MARYLAND, STATING THAT NO PARTY SHALL BE LICENSED TO CONDUCT RACING AT MILE TRACKS IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND FOR MORE THAN NINETY (90) DAYS IN ONE YEAR AND PROVIDING THAT ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY (120) DAYS OF RACING MAY BE HELD IN ANY ONE YEAR AT ANY ONE TRACK, PERMITTING THE RACING COMMISSION TO TRANSFER RACE MEETINGS; REVISING THE AMOUNTS WHICH THOROUGHBRED MILE AND HALF MILE TRACK LICENSEES MAY DEDUCT AND RETAIN FROM MUTUEL POOLS AND THE AMOUNTS WHICH THEY MUST PAY TO THE STATE, THE MARYLAND-BRED RACE FUND, AND THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED FOR PURSE MONEY; AND GENERALLY AMENDING THE RACING LAWS OF THIS STATE.

*Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 7(b), 7(c), 11(b), 12(c), 14(a), 18, 18A(b), 18B(a) and 26A of Article 78B to follow immediately after Section 27A thereof, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 1969 Replacement Volume), title "Racing Commission," subtitle "In General," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and new Sections 7(b-1) and 7(b-2) are hereby added to Article 78B, to follow immediately after Section 7(b) thereof, and all to read as follows:*

SECTION 1. *BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, THAT SECTIONS 7(B), 7(C), 11(B), 12(C), 14(A), 15(B), 15(C), 16(A), 18, 18A(B) AND 26A OF ARTICLE 78B OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1969 REPLACEMENT VOLUME), TITLE "RACING COMMISSION," SUBTITLE "IN GENERAL," BE AND THEY ARE HEREBY REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED, WITH AMENDMENTS, TO READ AS FOLLOWS:*

7.

(B) AWARD OF RACING DATES.—SAID RACING COMMISSION SHALL, AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE DURING NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THREE (1963), 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. THE SAID DATES SO AWARDED SHALL NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED AND [TWENTY (120)] FORTY-FOUR (144) DAYS IN THE AGGREGATE, AND THE DECISION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE AWARD OF ALL SUCH DATES SHALL BE FINAL.

(C) REFUSAL OF LICENSE; LIMITATION ON DATES.—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