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(b) On and after June 1, 1962, each thoroughbred track licensee under this article shall allocate a sum equal to ~~0.34%~~ ~~40%~~ .50% of the mutuel pool on all races conducted by it during the year to the Maryland-Bred Race Fund. Any monies allocated under this article and not disbursed during any current meeting in Maryland-Bred Race Fund races, within five (5) days after the close of each meeting shall be paid to the Maryland Racing Commission. The Commission shall hold all monies so allocated and received in a fund to be known as the "Maryland-Bred Racing Fund," which fund shall be deposited by the Commission in one or more banks or trust companies in the State. The members of the Commission shall have no personal liability for loss to the fund by reason of the failure or insolvency or other fault of any depository if they shall use ordinary care in the selection of the depository. The Commission shall require any depository to secure by collateral any deposit therein comprising a part ~~[of]~~ or all of the fund.

18B.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, Harford County Fair Association, Inc., and Baltimore Trotting Races, Inc., may, with the approval of the Racing Commission, be awarded licenses and dates for thoroughbred racing at the track or tracks of any one or more of the licensees licensed under Section 7 of this article, in lieu, respectively, of a license and dates for racing in connection with or for the benefit of a county fair or agricultural exhibit and a license and dates for trotting and pacing racing, provided that each of the associations owning the track or tracks on which said racing is to be conducted expressly consents thereto; and the Racing Commission is specifically authorized to approve agreements between licensees providing for the running of the dates of Harford County Fair Association, Inc., and of Baltimore Trotting Races, Inc., by and at the track or tracks of one or more licensees under Section 7 for a period or periods aggregating not more than nine (9) years. If Harford County Fair Association, Inc., or Baltimore Trotting Races, Inc., shall be awarded a license and dates for racing at the track or tracks of one or more licensees under Section 7 during nine (9) calendar years, it shall be deemed to have forfeited its right to conduct racing after said ninth year, and it shall not thereafter be awarded dates or a license for racing of any kind and, *so long as the aggregate total number of days specified in Section 7 is not exceeded*, the number of racing days theretofore annually awarded to it may thereafter be awarded by the Racing Commission to the licensees under Section 7 *[in addition to the aggregate number of days then awardable to such licensees pursuant to Section 7(b)]*.

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Except as provided in Section 18B, no person, corporation or association licensed to conduct racing under *Section 15* of this article shall convey, assign, or transfer or attempt to convey, assign, or transfer, by merger, sale, lease, or otherwise, its racing dates to another person, corporation or association unless express authorization has first been enacted by the Maryland General Assembly. If any licensee *licensed under Section 15 of this article* shall suspend operations for racing purposes at any track for a period of two (2)