

wagers and other taxes imposed by law, every person, firm, association or corporation licensed under § 7 of this article shall, within three days after each day of racing, pay to the Maryland Racing Commission for the use of the State, one half of the breakage computed to the ten cents (10 ¢). The payment of the breakage shall be accompanied by a statement of the licensee, or his duly authorized agent, under oath, showing the total amount of breakage received that day. The Commission shall promptly pay the one half of the breakage received by it under the provisions of this section to the Comptroller, as provided in § 19 of this article.]

[(c)](B) Every person, firm, association or corporation licensed to hold racing meetings in the State of Maryland under the provisions of § 7 of this article, shall in addition to the other taxes and fees imposed under the provisions of said article, pay annually to the Maryland State Fair Board the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00), and to the Maryland Horse Breeders' Association the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00).

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(a) In addition to licensing racing, as hereinbefore provided, the Racing Commission is authorized to issue licenses to the following organizations: [Cumberland Fair Association, Inc., Harford County Fair Association, Inc., and the] THE Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Incorporated [. Such licenses] shall [permit] BE PERMITTED [the holders] to conduct a race meeting [or meetings] with betting privileges, not to exceed [twelve] FORTY-TWO (42) days [for any one organization] in any calendar year[,]. EIGHTEEN OF THE DAYS ASSIGNED TO THE MARYLAND STATE FAIR AND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, INCORPORATED MAY BE WITHDRAWN BY THE COMMISSION IF THE LICENSEE FAILS TO PROVIDE AN IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSION, BUT, IF THESE DAYS ARE WITHDRAWN, THEY SHALL NOT BE AWARDED ELSEWHERE. [except that the] THE Agricultural and Mechanical Association of Washington County and the Southern Maryland Agricultural Fair Association of Prince George's County EACH shall [receive not to exceed] BE PERMITTED TO CONDUCT A RACE MEETING WITH BETTING PRIVILEGES, NOT TO EXCEED eighteen days IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR. [Provided such] SUCH meetings [are] MUST BE held in connection with or for the benefit of bona fide county fairs or agricultural exhibitions and [are] BE held in compliance with all the provisions of this article. THE AWARD OF ALL DATES SHALL CONSTITUTE A LICENSE AND NOT A FRANCHISE.

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