

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 7(e) be and it is hereby added to Article 78B - Racing Commission, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 78B - Racing Commission

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(E) THE COMMISSION SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT A LOCATION NOT MORE THAN TEN MILES FROM THE TRACK AND SHALL PERMIT ANY PERSON TO TESTIFY FOR OR AGAINST THE AWARD OF THE ADDITIONAL RACING DATES BEFORE IT GRANTS TO ANY PERSON, CORPORATION, OR ASSOCIATION A LICENSE TO OPERATE ANY TRACK FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING RACES[:

(1) FOR A NUMBER OF DAYS IN EXCESS OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS DURING WHICH RACES WERE HELD AT THAT TRACK DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR;

(2) FOR A NUMBER OF DAYS IN EXCESS OF THE NUMBER OF DAYS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY THE COMMISSION FOR RACING AT THAT TRACK DURING THAT YEAR; OR

(3) BY THE TRANSFER OF RACING DATES TO THAT TRACK FROM ANOTHER TRACK DURING THAT YEAR]] (1) FOR A NUMBER OF DAYS, 3 DAYS OR MORE, IN EXCESS OF THE NUMBER OF DAYS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY THE COMMISSION FOR RACING AT THAT TRACK DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR; OR (2) BY THE TRANSFER OF RACING DATES TO THAT TRACK FROM ANOTHER TRACK DURING THAT YEAR. NOTICE OF THE HEARING SHALL BE PUBLISHED BY THE COMMISSION IN ONE OR MORE NEWSPAPERS HAVING A SUBSTANTIAL CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE RACE TRACK IS LOCATED AT LEAST 15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING. THE COMMISSION SHALL ALSO ENDEAVOR TO NOTIFY ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION OF THE HEARING UPON THE WRITTEN REQUEST OF THAT AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION TO THE COMMISSION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

Approved May 15, 1975.

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CHAPTER 681

(House Bill 430)

AN ACT concerning