

FOR the purpose of correcting a certain error in the laws relating to the Pacing Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78B - Racing Commission  
Section 12(c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 12(c) of Article 78B - Racing Commission, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 78B - Racing Commission

12.

(c) The amount of the Racing Fund on hand at any time, representing the deductions made by any particular licensee from the mutuel pool, previously deducted by such licensee and paid to the State as a tax, may, with the prior written and express permission of the Commission, upon such terms and conditions as it may prescribe, be granted by the Commission to that particular licensee as a contribution to its capital for any substantial alterations, addition, changes, improvements or major repairs to or upon the property owned or leased by such licensee and by it used for the conduct of racing. The Commission shall in no case grant permission for the above-mentioned projects unless the licensee shows that the contract for such work was let under an unrestricted bidding procedure unless the project is exempted by the Racing Commission because of its unusual nature. In determining whether to make such grant or grants as contributions to capital of any portion of the Racing Fund, the Commission shall give due consideration to whether its expenditure in each instance will promote the safety, convenience and comfort of the racing public and horse owners and generally whether it will tend toward the improvement of racing in this State. In no case shall improvements be made at a race track in the State of Maryland under a contract or otherwise with any construction company owned wholly or in part by any individual, partner, or corporation which owns or operates a race track [by] [[Nin]] IN the State of Maryland. Capital improvements and repairs to property owned or leased by licensees licensed under the provisions of § 7 of this article are not to be limited by the amounts contributed to the Racing Fund or by the amounts granted by the Pacing Commission and paid out of the Racing Fund for improvements to property owned or leased by any licensee, and the Commission at any time may require any licensee to make improvements or repairs