

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78B - Racing Commission
Section 17 (b-1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 78B - Racing Commission
 Section ~~17(e)~~ 17(b-2)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 78B - Racing Commission

~~17.~~

~~{B} (1) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER MONEYS RETAINED BY THE LICENSEE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE HARNESS RACING BOARD MAY AUTHORIZE ANY LICENSEE, WHOSE HARNESS RACETRACK IS LOCATED IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION DENSITY UNDER 100 PER SQUARE MILE AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, TO RETAIN AN ADDITIONAL 1 PERCENT OF THE TWO HORSE MULTIPLE MUTUEL POOL AND THE THREE OR MORE HORSE MULTIPLE MUTUEL POOL OF ALL MONEY WAGERED TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RACETRACK.~~

~~(2) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL APPLY FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS BEGINNING JULY 1, 1979.~~

~~(3) THE LICENSEE SHALL REPORT AS FREQUENTLY AS THE BOARD SHALL REQUIRE ON ALL MONEYS RETAINED BY THE LICENSEE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION AND THE LICENSEE MAY NOT EXPEND ANY OF THESE MONEYS WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD.~~

~~(4) MONEYS PERMITTED TO BE RETAINED BY THE LICENSEE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO OR UPON THE PROPERTY OWNED OR LEASED BY THE LICENSEE AND USED BY IT FOR RACING.~~

~~(5) ALL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED TO BE MADE BY THE LICENSEE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD PROVIDED THAT THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS WILL PROMOTE THE SAFETY, CONVENIENCE AND COMFORT OF THE RACING PUBLIC AND HORSE OWNERS AND GENERALLY IMPROVE RACING IN THE STATE.~~