

multiple-mutuel-pools.--Regular-mutuel-pool-means-a-separate-wagering-pool--in--which--an--interest--is--represented--by--a--single--ticket--evidencing--a--single--wager--on--one--horse. Multiple-mutuel-pool-means-a-separate-wagering-pool--in--which--an--interest--is--represented--by--a--single--wager--on--two--or--more--horses.--For--the--purpose--of--enforcing--the--provisions--of--this--section--the--Commission--shall--have--and--exercise--all--of--the--power--conferred--upon--it--by--§§--11--and--13--of--this--article. EFFECTIVE--JANUARY--1--1982,--THE--AMOUNT--OF--TAX--ON--ALL--MONEY--WAGERED--ON--ALL--RACES--CONDUCTED--BY--LICENSEES--UNDER--THE--PROVISION--OF--SECTION--15--SHALL--BE--ALLOCATED--AS--FOLLOWS.

(1)--4.50--PERCENT--TO--THE--MARYLAND--RACING--COMMISSION--FOR--USE--BY--THE--STATE.

(2)--11.50--PERCENT--OF--ALL--MONEYS--WAGERED--IN--ALL--THE--REGULAR--MUTUEL--POOLS,--14.50--PERCENT--OF--ALL--MONEYS--WAGERED--IN--ALL--MULTIPLE--MUTUEL--POOLS--INVOLVING--TWO--HORSES,--AND--20.50--PERCENT--OF--ALL--MONEYS--WAGERED--IN--MULTIPLE--MUTUEL--POOLS--INVOLVING--THREE--OR--MORE--HORSES--TO--THE--LICENSEE.

17.

(b) (1) Each licensee licensed under the provisions of this section shall at its option be permitted to avail itself of the pari-mutuel betting privileges granted in this section, retaining for its own use 13 1/2% of the regular mutuel pool, 15.5 percent of the two horse multiple mutuel pool, if any, and 21 1/2 percent of the three or more horse multiple mutuel pool, if any, of all money wagered not in excess of \$125,000 daily average and 11 percent of the regular mutuel pool and 13 percent of the two horse multiple mutuel pool, if any, and 19 percent of the three or more horse multiple mutuel pool, if any, of all money wagered in excess of \$125,000 daily average on all races conducted by it during the year. Each licensee shall pay to the Harness Racing Board for the use of the State an annual tax at the rate of 3 1/2% of all money wagered not in excess of \$125,000 daily average, and 6% of all money wagered in excess of \$125,000 daily average on all races conducted by it during the year. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1982, THE PERCENTAGE AMOUNT OF ALL MONEYS IN EXCESS OF \$125,000 DAILY AVERAGE RETAINED BY THE LICENSEE SHALL BE 10.5 PERCENT OF THE REGULAR MUTUEL POOL, 12.5 PERCENT OF THE TWO HORSE MULTIPLE MUTUEL POOL, AND 18.5 PERCENT OF THE THREE OR MORE HORSE MULTIPLE MUTUEL POOL, AND PAID TO THE HARNESS RACING BOARD FOR USE OF THE STATE SHALL BE 6.5 PERCENT.

SECTION 2 AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.