

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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

18A.

(d) On and after June 1, 1962, each thoroughbred track licensee shall provide for the running of races, to be known as "The Maryland-Bred Fund races". [for horses foaled in Maryland according to the Maryland Breeders Association registration certificate.] TO BE ELIGIBLE TO START IN THE MARYLAND-BRED FUND RACES, EACH HORSE SHALL BE REGISTERED WITH THE MARYLAND HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION. TO QUALIFY FOR REGISTRATION, THE HORSE SHALL HAVE BEEN FOALED IN MARYLAND ACCORDING TO THE MARYLAND HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE. IN ADDITION, UNLESS THE HORSE BREEDER HAS MAINTAINED A PLACE OF ABODE IN MARYLAND FOR MORE THAN 9 MONTHS PRIOR TO REGISTRATION OR MAINTAINS HIS BREEDING STOCK CONTINUALLY IN MARYLAND THE HORSE SHALL BE EITHER THE PRODUCT OF A MARE HAVING CONCEIVED IN MARYLAND THE PREVIOUS SEASON OR THE PRODUCT OF A MARE HAVING BEEN SENT INTO MARYLAND TO FOAL AND COVERED BY A MARYLAND STALLION THE SEASON OF THE BIRTH OF THE FOAL. The number of Maryland-Bred Fund races, amounts of the purses, dates of running such races, distance provisions of such races, breeders' awards and any other conditions necessary to carry out the intent of the Maryland-Bred Fund races shall be determined by the Commission upon recommendation of the Committee. The amounts of the purses and the conditions for each race shall be determined in sufficient advance time to permit track licensees to include the purses and the conditions in their stake and condition books. If any Maryland-Bred Fund race fails to attract at least five separate qualified entries, then the Commission shall cancel the race and the purse shall not be paid out of the fund. In the event the Commission cancels any race, it shall notify the track licensee in time to permit the licensee to schedule a substitute race.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 19, 1981.

CHAPTER 562

(Senate Bill 697)

AN ACT concerning