

(c) The amount credited to the special fund created under subsection (a) of this section shall be allocated by the Maryland Racing Commission as follows:

(1) the money allocated for purses for the running of the Pimlico Special shall be proportional to the amount in the special fund resulting from the takeout from mile thoroughbred racetrack handles in Maryland; and

(2) the money allocated for purses at Rosecroft Raceway shall be proportional to the amount in the special fund resulting from the takeout from Rosecroft Raceway handles in Maryland.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the funds provided under § 11-404.1 of the Business Regulation Article are intended to supplement, rather than supplant, current State general fund support for the Rural Maryland Council and Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund.

~~SECTION 2.~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has 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, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

May 26, 2005

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 728 – *Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program – State Discount – Eligibility*.

This bill alters the eligibility requirements of the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program to cover individuals who are not Medicare beneficiaries, who lack other public or private prescription drug coverage, and who have an annual household income below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. Further, Senate Bill 728 authorizes specified enrollees in the Program to receive a discount subsidized by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for specified prescription drugs.

House Bill 1143, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 728.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor