

established and shall be a part of the Department of Licensing and Regulation. The Committee shall consist of five members to be appointed, WHEN VACANCIES ARISE, by the Commission, with the approval of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation[, by June 1 of each year]. The Committee shall be selected as follows: Two members shall be nominated by the chairman of the Harness Racing Board, one who shall be another member of the Commission, and the other who shall be a representative of a harness track licensee. One member each shall be nominated by the Maryland Breeders Association, Inc., the Maryland Harness Horsemen's Association, Inc., and the Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners Association, Inc. Each of these members shall be selected by a majority vote of the members of the respective associations. The other member of the Harness Racing Board nominated by the chairman of that Board shall serve as chairman of the committee. If any of the members other than the two members nominated by the chairman of the Harness Racing Board have not been nominated by June 1 of any year, the Commission, with the approval of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation, shall make these nominations. Each member of the Committee shall be a resident of the State. [The] EXCEPT FOR THE CHAIRMAN, THE term of office for each Committee member will be [one year] 4 YEARS and no member, with the exception of the chairman, may serve more than [two] 1 consecutive complete [terms] TERM. THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE CHAIRMAN SHALL BE 1 YEAR. The Committee shall assist and advise the Commission in administering the Maryland Standardbred Race Program and Standardbred Sires Stakes Program as part of the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund. The members of the Committee shall receive no compensation for their services as members, but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred while engaged in the performance of their duties, in accordance with the Standard Travel Regulations.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That notwithstanding any other provisions of Article 78B of the Code regarding the terms of the members of the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund, the Maryland Breeders Association, Inc. member shall be appointed for a term of 1 year, the Maryland Harness Horsemen's Association, Inc. member shall be appointed for a term of 2 years, and the Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners Association, Inc. member shall be appointed for a term of 3 years. At the completion of each of those initial terms, the vacancies shall be filled by an appointment for a term as provided in Article 78B, § 17A(c) of the Code.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1984.

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