

BY adding to

Article 78B - Racing Commission  
 Section 8A and 17(b) (9) and (10) Section 19(a)(5)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1980 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Maryland has enjoyed, for countless years, the rich tradition of the thoroughbred racing, and

WHEREAS, Maryland's racing and breeding industries generate nearly one billion dollars annually and employ 19,000 people, and

WHEREAS, The revitalization of this industry and assistance in helping it meet the challenge of increased competition from neighboring states is in the best interest of the general welfare and economic health of

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 78B - Racing Commission

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(a) Any person or persons, association or corporation, desiring to conduct racing within the State of Maryland during any calendar year, shall apply to the Maryland Racing Commission for a license so to do. Such application shall be filed with the {secretary} EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of the Commission on or before a day to be fixed by the Commission. Such application shall specify the days on which such racing is desired to be conducted or held, and such application shall be in such form and supply such data and information as the said Maryland Racing Commission shall prescribe.

(b) Said Racing Commission shall, as soon as practicable, award all dates for racing in the State of Maryland on or before December 1 of each year for racing for the ensuing year. The said dates so awarded shall not exceed {one hundred and eighty (180)} 216 days. The Commission {in its discretion on or before December 1 of each year} may also award an additional {forty eight (48)} 80 days for racing for the ensuing year. {Said forty eight (48)} THE 80 days of racing may be awarded under such terms and conditions as the Commission may prescribe for any substantial alterations, additions, changes, improvements or major repairs to or upon the property owned or leased by any licensee and by it used for the conduct of racing. The Commission may also prescribe terms and conditions with respect to the location, capacity, availability and improvement of parking facilities as a requirement for the award of the {forty eight (48)} 80 days of