

conducting--races--shall--be--licensed--or--awarded--dates,--provided, however,--that--if--the--Maryland--Jockey--Club--OF--BALTIMORE--CITY, INC. }--the--Southern--Maryland--Agricultural--Association, }--or--the Laurel--Race--Course }--RACING--ASSOCIATION--inc. }--respectively,--shall permanently--abandon--for--racing--purposes--the--Pimlico--Track }--the Bowie--Track, }--or--the--Laurel--Track,--the--association--so--abandoning the--track--at--which--it--has--heretofore--regularly--conducted--race meetings--under--the--authority--of--this--article--and--this--section--may be--licensed--and--awarded--dates--for--the--holding--or--conducting--of races--or--race--meetings--at--a--new--track--location--in--the--State approved--by--legislative--enactment.

(e)--The--Commission--shall--hold--a--public--hearing--at--a location--not--more--than--ten--miles--from--the--track--and--shall--permit any--person--to--testify--for--or--against--the--award--of--the--additional racing--dates--before--it--grants--to--any--person,--corporation,--or association--a--license--to--operate--any--track--for--the--purpose--of holding--races--(1)--for--a--number--of--days,--3--days--or--more,--in--excess of--the--number--of--days--previously--awarded--by--the--Commission--for racing--at--that--track--during--the--previous--year,--or--(2)--by--the transfer--of--racing--dates--to--that--track--from--another--track--during that--year.--Notice--of--the--hearing--shall--be--published--by--the Commission--in--one--or--more--newspapers--having--a--substantial circulation--in--the--county--in--which--the--racetrack--is--located--at least--15--days--prior--to--the--hearing.--The--Commission--shall--also endeavor--to--notify--any--public--or--private--agency--or--organization of--the--hearing--upon--the--written--request--of--that--agency--or organization--to--the--Commission.

(f)--(1)--For--calendar--year--1985--and--all--subsequent--years, the--Commission--shall--award--32--of--the--42--days--that--were--awarded--in calendar--year--1984--to--the--Maryland--State--Fair--and--Agricultural Society,--Incorporated,--for--running--at--the--Timonium--Track,--to--the tracks--that--are--authorized--by--this--section--to--conduct--mile--racing in--the--State.

(2)--The--days--awarded--under--this--subsection--shall--be subject--to--all--of--the--provisions--of--this--article--applicable--to mile--racing--days.

(3)--The--award--of--any--racing--days--by--the--Commission under--this--subsection--(f)--constitutes--a--license--of--these--days--to the--tracks--to--which--the--days--are--awarded--and--does--not--provide--any right--of--ownership--in--the--days--to--any--track--or--any--other--person. }

IN--RECOGNITION--OF--THE--SIGNIFICANCE--OF--THE--STAKES--RACE--KNOWN AS--THE--PREAKNESS--STAKES--TO--THE--STATE--OF--MARYLAND,--IF--THE PREAKNESS--STAKES--IS--TRANSFERRED--TO--BE--RUN--OUTSIDE--THE--STATE,--THE COMMISSION--MAY--REVOKE--ANY--DAYS--OF--RACING--AWARDED--TO--THE--MARYLAND JOCKEY--CLUB--OF--BALTIMORE--CITY,--INC.,--OR--ITS--SUCCESSORS--IN INTEREST,--IF--ANY--DAYS--OF--RACING--ARE--REVOKED--UNDER--THIS SUBSECTION,--THEY--MAY--BE--AWARDED--TO--ANOTHER--LICENSEE, NOTWITHSTANDING--SUBSECTION--(E)--OF--THIS--SECTION.