

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) The State share of daily licensee fees, pari-mutuel taxes and uncashed pari-mutuel tickets shall be credited to a special fund.

(b) (1) From the special fund established by this section the Comptroller shall ANNUALLY pay to the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board a sum equal to \$450,000, to be used for the promotion of State and county agricultural fairs and exhibits.

(2) In addition and as long as the Maryland State Fair shall remain at the location at which it was conducted in 1984, beginning with fiscal year 1986 and for each subsequent year, the Comptroller shall pay annually the following sums from the special fund:

(i) \$500,000 as a grant to the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Incorporated, for the promotion and enhancement of the Maryland State Fair and to maintain and develop youth programs, including 4-H and FFA, by providing premium moneys for recognition and awards; and

(ii) \$50,000 as a grant to Baltimore County to replace the revenues that were formerly received by the county under this section.

[(2)] (3) The Comptroller shall annually pay from the special fund \$100,000 as a grant to Prince George's County to replace revenues formerly received from the admissions and amusement tax.

[(3)] (4) The Comptroller shall annually pay from the special fund \$10,000 as a grant to the Great Frederick Fair to support exhibition harness races, with the funds to be used for purses and track maintenance.

[(4)] (5) In the event racing is discontinued at the Timonium track, all of the remaining days of racing awarded to the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Inc., shall be awarded by the Commission pursuant to the provisions of § 7 of this article and no compensation may be paid to the Society to offset any loss of revenues attributable to the discontinuance of racing. Additionally, the grant to Baltimore County under this subsection shall terminate.

(6) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ANNUALLY PAY FROM THE SPECIAL FUND TO THE CITY OF BOWIE THE SUM OF \$50 FOR EACH DAY ON WHICH THE TRAINING FACILITIES ARE OPEN AT THE BOWIE TRACK.