

the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation as set forth in Article 41 of this Code, or elsewhere in the laws of this State.

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~~(a) Any person or persons, association or corporation, desiring to conduct racing AND PARIMUTUEL BETTING 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 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.~~

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(a) (1) The Maryland Racing Commission shall consist of [7] 9 members, each of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland. Not more than [5] 6 commissioners may be of the same political party. At the time of appointment and qualification, at least [2] 3 commissioners shall be knowledgeable or experienced in some aspect of thoroughbred racing, and at least [2] 3 other commissioners shall be knowledgeable or experienced in some aspect of harness racing.

(2) Each commissioner, at the time of appointment and qualification to the Commission, shall be:

(i) A resident of the State of Maryland who shall have resided in the State for at least five years next preceding appointment and qualification;

(ii) A qualified voter in the State of Maryland;

and (iii) Not less than twenty-five years of age;

(iv) A person who has never been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude.

(3) The Governor shall designate 1 member of the Commission to serve as chairman of the Commission for a [2-year] 1-YEAR term. [The chairman is eligible for reappointment as chairman] THE CHAIRMANSHIP SHALL ROTATE EVERY 2-YEARS THE CHAIRMAN MAY SERVE NO MORE THAN 2 CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

(b) No person shall be eligible for appointment or shall hold the office of commissioner or be appointed by the Commission, or hold any office or position under the Commission,