

(a) On the recommendation of the executive director, the Commission may employ additional employees or agents, including auditors, experts, guards, inspectors, a breathalyzer operator at each harness racing track, scientists, Commission secretaries, specimen collectors, veterinarians, and others whom the Commission considers to be essential at or in connection with a race meeting in the best interests of racing.

(b) The licensee who holds the race meeting for which an additional employee is used shall pay:

- (1) the compensation of the employee; and
- (2) the employer contribution for the employee under:
 - (i) Social Security;
 - (ii) the Employees' Pension System;
 - (iii) the Health Insurance Program for State Employees; and
 - (iv) unemployment insurance;

(3) THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FISCAL PLANNING, FOR THE RETIREE UNDER § 8-108 OF THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE; AND

(4) AN AMOUNT REQUIRED UNDER § 23-306.1(B) OF THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE, IF ANY.

(c) A licensee who holds a race meeting shall employ and pay the officials at the race meeting, other than stewards and harness judges, including each clerk of the course, clerk of the scales, handicapper, paddock judge, patrol judge, placing judge, racing secretary, starter, assistant starter, and timer.

(d) (1) On request of the Commission, each additional employee and track employee shall provide the Commission with the individual's fingerprints.

(2) The fingerprints shall be taken by a representative of a law enforcement agency of the State or federal government, an employee of the Commission, or a qualified private security agency that the Commission designates.

(E) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, IF A LICENSEE IS REQUIRED TO ALLOCATE 0.25% OF HANDLE TO EITHER THE MARYLAND RACE TRACK EMPLOYEES PENSION FUND OR THE MARYLAND HARNESS TRACK EMPLOYEES PENSION FUND, THE LICENSEE SHALL FIRST PAY FROM THE ALLOCATION ANY AMOUNTS REQUIRED TO BE PAID BY THE LICENSEE UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2)(II), (3) OR (4) OF THIS SECTION AND THE REMAINDER SHALL BE PAID TO THE APPROPRIATE PENSION FUND.

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