

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the common law offense of criminal defamation is hereby abrogated and repealed.~~

SECTION 3. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved May 22, 1997.

CHAPTER 644

(House Bill 123)

AN ACT concerning

Comptroller – Annual Grants – Great Pocomoke Fair

FOR the purpose of requiring the Comptroller to pay, from a certain special fund, an annual grant not to exceed a certain amount to the Great Pocomoke Fair, Inc. to support exhibition harness racing with money for new stalls, track maintenance, and purses; ~~making a certain technical correction~~; and generally relating to annual grants awarded to certain persons by the Comptroller.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Business Regulation

Section 11-103

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Regulation

Section ~~11-103~~ and 11-403(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

Article – Business Regulation

11-103.

Unless pari-mutuel betting is held, this title does not apply to:

- (1) the Elkridge-Harford Point to Point;
- (2) the Grand National;
- (3) the Marlboro Trials;
- (4) the Maryland Hunt Cup;