

Article - Business Regulation
 Section 11-602
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1992 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY adding to

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 Section 11-606
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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11-504.

(a) A licensee may not hold racing after 6:15 p.m. unless:

- (1) circumstances beyond the control of the licensee cause a delay; [or]
 (2) the racing day is of national prominence; OR

(3) THE RACING CONSISTS OF BETTING ON RACES HELD AT AN OUT-OF-STATE TRACK, AND THE RACING IS:

(I) AUTHORIZED UNDER § 11-804 OF THIS TITLE; AND

(II) APPROVED BY THE HARNESS TRACK LICENSEE WHOSE TRACK IS CLOSEST TO THE LICENSEE'S TRACK, THE GROUP THAT REPRESENTS A MAJORITY OF THE OWNERS AND TRAINERS WHO RACE HORSES AT THAT HARNESS TRACK, AND THE GROUP THAT REPRESENTS A MAJORITY OF THE HARNESS BREEDERS IN THIS STATE.

11-602.

This subtitle applies only to harness racing licenses and to licensees who have been awarded racing days to hold harness racing.

11-606.

A LICENSEE MAY NOT HOLD LIVE HARNESS RACING AFTER 2 A.M. UNLESS CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE LICENSEE CAUSE A DELAY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act ~~shall take effect October 1, 1997~~ is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved May 22, 1997.