

**CHAPTER 749**

**(House Bill 225)**

AN ACT concerning

**~~Simuleast Harness Racing~~ Intertrack Betting – Ocean Downs – Live Racing Days**

FOR the purpose of reducing the minimum number of live racing days that must be conducted at Ocean Downs harness racing track for Ocean Downs to qualify as a receiving track for ~~simuleast-racing~~ intertrack betting purposes.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Business Regulation

Section 11-101(p)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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Article – Business Regulation

Section 11-811(e)

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**

11-101.

(p) "Receiving track" means a track where pari-mutuel betting is done on races held at another track.

11-811.

(e) (1) Laurel Race Course, a track where racing is conducted by the State Fair Society, or Rosecroft Raceway may be a receiving track only if live racing was held there in the previous calendar year on at least 75% of the racing days available to it.

(2) [Delmarva] OCEAN Downs may be a receiving track only if at least [65] 40 days of live racing were held there in the previous calendar year.

(3) Pimlico Race Course may be a receiving track only if at least 90 days of live racing were held there in the previous calendar year.

(4) The Commission may waive a requirement of this subsection if the receiving track could not meet the requirement because of:

(i) an act of God; or

(ii) what the Commission finds to be an emergency.