

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1999.

Approved April 27, 1999.

**CHAPTER 265**

**(House Bill 730)**

AN ACT concerning

**Harness Racing - Racing Days --~~Telephone Betting~~**

FOR the purpose of ~~altering the total number of racing days that may be awarded in a calendar year to one harness racing licensee~~ *authorizing the State Racing Commission to award racing days up to the number requested by an applicant; repealing certain limitations on the number of racing days that may be awarded by the Commission; limiting in a certain way the extent to which Ocean Downs may offer telephone betting to bettors;* and generally relating to harness racing.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

- Article - Business Regulation
- Section 11-610 and ~~11-805(a)~~
- Annotated Code of Maryland
- (1998 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article - Business Regulation**

11-610.

(e) (1) ~~The Commission may not award more than [310] 265 racing days in a calendar year to 1 licensee.~~

(2) ~~The Commission may not award more than [620] 730 racing days in a calendar year to all licensees.~~

(A) THE COMMISSION MAY AWARD FOR ANY CALENDAR YEAR UP TO THE NUMBER OF RACING DAYS REQUESTED BY AN APPLICANT.

(b) The decision of the Commission on the award of a racing day is final.

~~11-805.~~

(a) (1) ~~Except for racing held by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Commission may authorize telephone betting at any track where racing is authorized.~~