

Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 979.

This bill provides that the chair of the Maryland Racing Commission will nominate one member to represent each harness racing licensee on the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund Advisory Committee. In addition, the bill eliminates the five-member requirement for the committee and allows the number of committee members to vary in accordance with the number of harness racing licensee members.

Senate Bill 446, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 27, 1999, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 979.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill 979

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Standardbred Race Fund Advisory Committee - Membership

FOR the purpose of altering the ~~number of members~~ *membership* of the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund Advisory Committee; requiring the chairman of the State Racing Commission to nominate as members ~~certain representatives of certain licensees~~ a representative from each harness racing licensee; and generally relating to the membership of the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund Advisory Committee.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Business Regulation

Section 11-626(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

11-626.

(a) (1) The Advisory Committee consists of [5] 6 members appointed by the Commission with the approval of the Secretary.