

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1999 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article – State Government
Section 8-403(m)
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Business Regulation

11-825.

(a) A satellite simulcast facility:

(1) shall be in premises owned or leased by a permit holder;

(2) may not be within a 35-mile radius of any mile thoroughbred track or harness track unless approved by the track licensee, the group that represents a majority of the applicable owners and trainers licensed in the State and the group that represents a majority of the applicable breeders in the State, considered separately;

(3) unless the track agrees otherwise, may not operate during hours on those days that racing with pari-mutuel betting is permitted at a racetrack located in this State within a 35-mile radius of the satellite simulcast facility; and

(4) shall offer pari-mutuel betting facilities and amenities that the Commission finds are:

(i) comparable to those available in the sports palace facilities of the mile thoroughbred racing licensees including:

1. high quality dining, lounge, and seating areas that are of a manner generally found in fine restaurants; and

2. teletheatre screen capacity; and

(ii) appropriate for the area where the satellite simulcast facility is located.

(b) A mile thoroughbred racing licensee or a harness racing licensee shall own or lease the pari-mutuel betting equipment at a satellite simulcast facility and shall, with its employees, operate the equipment.

(c) A mile thoroughbred racing licensee or a harness racing licensee shall submit to the Commission all contracts and agreements relating to satellite simulcast betting under this subtitle.