

(a) (1) ~~On or before December 1, the Commission shall award all racing days for the next calendar year.~~

(2) ~~However, the Commission may meet after December 1 to award racing days that are requested in applications.~~

(b) (1) ~~[The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE Commission may award for any calendar year up to the number of racing days requested by an applicant.~~

(2) ~~THE COMMISSION SHALL AWARD AT LEAST 40 RACING DAYS TO THE PIMLICO RACE COURSE IN BALTIMORE CITY IN EACH CALENDAR YEAR.~~

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

~~Article Health General~~

~~10-801.~~

~~In this subtitle, "compulsive gambler" means an individual:~~

(1) ~~Who is preoccupied chronically and progressively with gambling and the urge to gamble; and~~

(2) ~~Whose gambling behavior compromises, disrupts, or damages the individual's personal, family, or vocational pursuits.~~

~~10-802.~~

~~The General Assembly finds that:~~

(1) ~~Compulsive gambling is a serious social problem;~~

(2) ~~There is evidence that the availability of gambling increases the risk of becoming a compulsive gambler; and~~

(3) ~~This State, with its extensive legalized gambling, has an obligation to provide a program of treatment for compulsive gamblers.~~

~~10-803.~~

~~[As a pilot project, the] THE Secretary shall establish [a center for] REGIONAL CENTERS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO compulsive gamblers [at a place that the Secretary determines to be accessible to a major population center of this State].~~