

CHAPTER 550

(House Bill 349)

AN ACT concerning

Horse Racing – Prince George's Equestrian Center

MC/PG 6-91

FOR the purpose of altering the allocation of pari-mutuel wagering pools for races conducted at the Prince George's Equestrian Center; and requiring a certain written report to be submitted to certain delegations by a certain date each year.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78B – Racing Commission

Section 16A(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1988 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 78B – Racing Commission

Section 16A(h)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1988 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, In 1989 the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) was authorized to conduct 2 days of thoroughbred horse racing at the Prince George's Equestrian Center under Chapter 773, § 3 of the Acts of 1989; and

WHEREAS, It was the intent of the General Assembly to provide for the same allocation of pari-mutuel wagering pools for races conducted by the M-NCPPC at the Prince George's Equestrian Center as the allocation provided for the races conducted by the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society (the Society) at the Timonium Track under Article 78B, § 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, While the Society is exempt from paying a 3.5% State tax on racing under Article 78B, § 16(d), the M-NCPPC has no similar tax requirement or exemption under Chapter 773, so the net allocation for the Society is 3.5% greater than is allowed for the M-NCPPC; and

WHEREAS, The allocation for purses set forth in Chapter 773 also varied in regard to races involving pari-mutuel pools with 3 or more horses; and