

that all funds for purses and bred funds under this Act be in addition to and not supplant certain other funds; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to initiate the formation of certain partnerships; establishing certain conditions on the distribution and use of certain funds for marketing plans; requiring the Department to submit a certain report; providing for the effective date and termination of this Act; and generally relating to funds for horse racing in the State budget.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) Notwithstanding § 9-120 of the State Government Article, after cumulative distributions for Fiscal Year 1998 to the General Fund under § 9-120(b)(1)(ii) of the State Government Article total \$352,701,000, \$6,000,000 \$5,000,000 of the remaining revenue that would otherwise be paid to the General Fund under § 9-120(b)(1)(ii) of the State Government Article shall be distributed to a special fund to be used only to increase purses at harness racing tracks, mile thoroughbred tracks, and Timonium Race Course and to supplement existing bred funds in accordance with this Act.

~~(b)~~ If lottery revenues do not provide the \$5,000,000 for the purposes specified in subsection (a) of this section, the Governor may request a deficiency appropriation during the 1999 Session to make up the difference.

~~(b)~~ (c) In accordance with § 7-209 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, the Governor by budgetary amendment shall allocate money from the special fund created under subsection (a) of this section in the manner specified under Section ~~2(b)(8)~~ 2(c)(6) of this Act.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) Contingent upon an appropriation of general funds in the State budget for Fiscal Year 1999 for the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to be used for the horse racing industry, up to ~~\$10 million~~ ~~\$4,000,000~~ ~~\$5,000,000~~ shall be used to increase purses at harness racing and racing tracks, mile thoroughbred racing tracks in the State, and Timonium Race Course, supplement existing bred funds, supplement funds for certain horse racing events, provide marketing funds, ~~provide funds for compulsive gambling treatment,~~ and be used to conduct a study ~~studies~~ on the horse racing industry.

(b) The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall initiate the formation of a partnership of track operators, horse breeders, trainers, and others, as appropriate, who are representative of thoroughbred and standardbred sectors of the industry to assist in developing industry marketing surveys and strategies.

(c) The funds provided in subsection (a) of this section shall be divided as follows:

(1) The first ~~\$250,000~~ ~~\$200,000~~ ~~\$280,000~~ to fund studies conducted by the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation University System of Maryland, in consultation with relevant State agencies, on: