

and 18 of said Article, as now constituted, shall be recodified, transferred and renumbered as Sections 19, 20 and 21 of said Article, respectively, to follow immediately after Section 18 as herein recodified, transferred and numbered.

Any reference in this Article to the number of any Section as it has heretofore existed shall be deemed, taken and construed as a reference to the same Section as recodified, transferred and renumbered by this Act.

The recodification, transfer and renumbering of the several Sections in Article 78B, as provided by this Act, shall not change, impair or affect the existence, tenor, validity and application of said Sections or any of them or of any other Section except as specifically herein provided.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That a new Section be, and it is hereby added to Article 78B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Ed.), title "Racing Commission", to follow immediately after Section 15, as enacted by Chapter 3 of the Acts of the Special Session of the General Assembly of 1946, to be known as Section 16, said new Section to read as follows:

16. In addition to the licensing of racing as hereinbefore provided, the Commission is authorized in its discretion to issue licenses for the holding of trotting and pacing meetings at which there may be offered stakes, purses or awards, and the Commission shall have supervisory powers over such meetings and those licensed in the same manner and to the same extent, where not inappropriate, as it has by virtue of the provisions of this Article over those licensed under the provisions of Sections 7 and 14 of this Article, provided, however, that under this section not more than one license with pari-mutuel betting privilege shall be issued in any County or in Baltimore City and that no such license shall be issued hereafter in Carroll, Dorchester, Frederick, Montgomery or Wicomico Counties.

Each licensee licensed under the provisions of this Section shall at its option be permitted to avail itself of the pari-mutuel betting privileges heretofore granted in this Article, retaining for its own use 6% of the money wagered together with breakage computed to ten cents (10c), and shall pay to the Racing Commission for the use of the State within five days after the close of the meeting held during the year 1947, and each calendar year thereafter, an annual tax at the rate of four percent (4%) on money