

to issue licenses for the holding of trotting and pacing meetings at which there may be offered stakes, purses or awards, and at which there may be exercised pari-mutuel betting privileges, to Baltimore Trotting Races, Inc., The Rosecroft Trotting and Pacing Association, Inc., Laurel Harness Racing Association, Inc., and Ocean Downs Racing Association, Inc. 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 15 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‡.

(b) 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] section, retaining for its own use [6% of the money wagered together with breakage computed to ten cents (10¢),] 11% of all money wagered not in excess of \$2,000,000 and 7½% of all money wagered in excess of \$2,000,000 on all races conducted by it during the year, 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] 1951, and each calendar year thereafter, an annual tax at the rate of [four percent (4%) on money wagered] 1% of all money wagered not in excess of \$2,000,000 and 4½% of all money wagered in excess of \$2,000,000 on all races conducted by it during the year, together with all breakage computed to ten cents (10¢), and together with a license fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for each day that races are held, provided that the Racing Commission shall not authorize more than [one hundred days of racing with betting privileges in any one year, and not more than] twenty days at any one track.

(c) For the purposes of enforcing the provisions of this section the Commission shall have and exercise all the powers conferred upon it by Sections 11 and 13 of this Article.

17A. THE RACING COMMISSION MAY, AT ANY TIME OR TIMES OF EMERGENCY OR UNFAVORABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS, IN ITS DISCRETION, AUTHORIZE ANY PERSON, CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION LICENSED UNDER SECTION 17 TO TRANSFER ITS RACE MEET OR MEETINGS FROM ITS OWN TRACK, OR PLACE FOR HOLDING RACES, TO THE TRACK OR