

Article 78B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1961 Supplement), title "Racing Commission", sub-title "In General", to change the tax levied on pari-mutuel betting at harness racing tracks in the State, to change the amount of breakage retained by such tracks and the State, and to change the number of days of racing authorized at any of such tracks.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 17 (b) of Article 78B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1961 Supplement), title "Racing Commission", sub-title "In General", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(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 granted in this section, retaining for its own use ~~11½%~~ ~~12½%~~ ~~12½%~~ ~~of all money wagered not in excess of [\$3,000,000] \$150,000 \$125,000 daily average and [8%] 9%~~ of all money wagered in excess of ~~[\$3,000,000] \$150,000 \$125,000 daily average~~ 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 1958, and each calendar year thereafter, an annual tax at the rate of 3½% of all money wagered not in excess of ~~[\$3,000,000] \$150,000 \$125,000 daily average,~~ and 7% of all money wagered in excess of ~~[\$3,000,000] \$150,000 \$125,000 daily average~~ on all races conducted by it during the year. Each such licensee having a total wager in excess of ~~[\$4,000,000] \$166,666.67 daily average~~ during the racing season in any one year similarly shall pay to the Racing Commission for the use of the State, breakage computed to ten cents (10¢) on the entire amount thereof; and each such licensee shall similarly pay 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 twenty-four (24)] authorize not less than ~~thirty-six (36)~~ TWENTY-FOUR (24)~~ days at any one track. The Commission shall promptly pay all taxes collected under the provisions of this section to the Comptroller. Each licensee licensed under the provisions of this section shall, in addition to the other taxes and fees imposed under the provisions of this article, pay annually to the Maryland State Fair Board a sum representing one tenth of one per centum of all money wagered in excess of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) with a maximum of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) from each licensee.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1962.

Approved April 6, 1962.

CHAPTER 136

(House Bill 102)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 571 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition),