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The State Athletic Commission, established by Chapter 710, Acts of 1920, consists of five members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation for six-year terms. The Commission has supervision over all boxing shows, wrestling matches, and closed circuit or subscription telecasts scheduled and held in the State of Maryland. It enacts and enforces such rules as are necessary to govern these bouts. It licenses all corporations, associations, or persons sponsoring such bouts, and all referees, managers, seconds, and participants. The Commission collects from all sponsors of boxing and wrestling matches a fee equal to ten per cent of the gross gate receipts and also ten per cent of the sale of radio, television, or motion picture rights to boxing and wrestling events. The fees are deposited as general funds with the Comptroller (Code 1957, Art. 56, secs. 109-26).

Authorization for the Commission until July 1, 1991 (Chapter 519, Acts of 1982).

MARYLAND RACING COMMISSION

THOROUGHBRED RACING BOARD

Chairperson: Robert W. Banning, 1987

J. Neil McCardell, 1983; Kenneth C. Proctor, 1984; E. William Purey, 1985; Ralph W. Powers, 1986.

HARNESS RACING BOARD

Chairperson: Ben Schwartz, 1987

Norman Diamond, 1984; Vincent D. Palumbo, 1983; C. Bounds Phillips, 1985; Ernest J. Colvin, 1986.

Executive Secretary: James A. Callahan

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The Maryland Racing Commission, established by Chapter 273, Acts of 1920, and reorganized by Chapter 831, Acts of 1959, was further restructured by Chapter 728, Acts of 1977. As presently constituted, the Commission is composed of ten members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for five-year

staggered terms. The ten members comprise two boards: the Harness Racing Board and the Thoroughbred Racing Board. No more than four members of either board may belong to the same political party. Each Board has exclusive jurisdiction over all rules, regulations, allocation of racing dates, and all other matters relating to the powers and duties granted to them by the Act. The two Boards may meet jointly concerning matters affecting all racing in the State. The Secretary of Licensing and Regulation resolves any question of jurisdiction that may arise between the two Boards.

The Harness Racing Board and the Thoroughbred Racing Board license all persons, associations, or corporations that hold any racing meet within the State where horseracing is permitted for any stake, purse, or reward. The Boards make all regulations necessary to govern the races. They may also regulate the size of the purse, the price of admission, or the charge made for any article or service sold at the meets. All persons engaged in racing in Maryland under assumed names must register with the appropriate Board and receive its permission for the use of such name. The Boards have the power to revoke or suspend the license of any person or corporation engaged in racing within the State that violates the racing laws or the rules of the Commission (Code 1957, Art. 78B).

Authorization for the Commission continues until July 1, 1991 (Chapter 519, Acts of 1982).

MARYLAND-BRED RACE FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Kenneth C. Proctor, 1983

Joseph B. Hickey, 1983; Howard M. Mosner, Jr., 1983; Kenneth A. Schertle, 1983; Katharine M. Voss, 1983.

The Maryland-Bred Race Fund Advisory Committee, created by Chapter 137, Acts of 1962, consists of five members appointed by the Maryland Racing Commission with the approval of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation. Of the five members, two represent the Maryland Horse Breeders' Association, one the mile track associations, and one the half-mile track associations. One is a member of the Maryland Racing Commission (Code 1957, Art. 78B).

The Committee administers the Maryland-Bred Race Program and the Maryland-Bred Race Fund. This Fund was established by having each thoroughbred track licensee allocate to the Fund .50% of the mutuel pool of all its races during the year. The Fund is then used as a purse for races involving Maryland-Bred horses (Code 1957, Art. 78B, sec. 16).