

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That two new sections be and they are hereby added to said Article 78B, said new sections to be known as Sections 15A and 15B, and to follow immediately after Section 15 of said Article, and to read as follows:

15A. All sums collected by the Racing Commission under the provisions of this Article shall be paid over to the Comptroller, and shall be distributed as follows: (1) One-half of all tax revenues received from persons, firms or associations licensed under Section 8 of this Article shall be allocated and credited to the general funds of the State and the remaining one-half shall be allocated and paid to the counties, incorporated towns and Baltimore City on the basis of population according to the latest available Federal census; (2) One-half of all tax revenues received from persons, firms or associations licensed under Section 14 of this Article shall be allocated and credited to the general funds of the State, one-fourth of the said revenues shall be allocated and paid to the counties, incorporated towns and Baltimore City on the basis of population according to the latest available Federal census and one-fourth shall be allocated and credited to the Maryland State Fair Board to be used for the promotion of State and County agricultural fairs and exhibits. In determining the population of each county for the purposes of this section, the population of all incorporated towns in such county shall be excluded.

15B. The provisions of this Article are intended to be state-wide and exclusive in their effect and no city, county or other political sub-division of the State shall have the authority or power to make or enforce any local law, ordinance or regulation upon the subject of racing or to impose or collect any additional license fee or tax with respect to racing, other than the general property tax.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That in the event the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore do not before January 1, 1947, repeal Ordinance No. 747, approved December 23, 1946, levying and imposing a 5% tax on all wagers made on races or racing in Baltimore City during the year 1947, then no part of the funds or revenues collected by the Racing Commission under the provisions of Article 78B, as amended by this Act, during the period said ordinance shall be in effect, shall be allocated or paid to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore as provided in Section 15A of said Article 78B, as enacted by this Act, but said amounts so provided to be allocated and paid to Baltimore City shall during such period be allocated and credited to the general funds of the State.