

Article 78B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1955 Supplement), title "Racing Commission", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; and that a new sub-section be and it is hereby added to Section 19 of said Article, to follow immediately after sub-section (C), and to be known as sub-section (D) thereof, all to read as follows:

7. (a) Any person or persons, association or corporation, desiring to conduct racing within the State of Maryland during any calendar year, shall apply to the Maryland Racing Commission for a license so to do. Such application shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission on or before a day to be fixed by the Commission. Such application shall specify the days on which such racing is desired to be conducted or held, and such application shall be in such form and supply such data and information as the said Maryland Racing Commission shall prescribe.

(b) Said Racing Commission shall, as soon as practicable during nineteen hundred and forty-three (1943 and on or before the first day of March of each year thereafter, award all dates for racing in the State of Maryland within the current year, but the said dates so awarded shall not exceed one hundred *and eight (108)* TWENTY (120) days in the aggregate, and the decision of the Commission on the award of all such dates shall be final.

(c) The Commission shall have the power to reject any application for a license for any cause which it may deem sufficient and the action of the Commission shall be final. No one person, corporation or association shall be given a license to conduct racing for more than *fifty-four* [(50)] (54) days in one year, nor shall more than an aggregate of [(fifty)] *seventy-two* [(50)] (72) days racing be held in any one year on any one track within the State of Maryland.

(d) The said Racing Commission may, at any time or times, in its discretion, authorize any person, corporation or association to transfer its racing meet or meetings from its own track, or place for holding races, to the track, or place for holding races, of any other person, corporation or association now conducting racing in the State of Maryland upon payment of any and all appropriate license fees for the conduct of racing at the particular track, or place for holding races, on which the racing is to be conducted; provided, however, that no such authority to transfer shall be granted without the express consent of the person, corporation or association owning or leasing the track to which such transfer is made, but nothing in this section shall affect in any manner the license fees, requirements, rights, conditions, terms and provisions of Section 8 of this Article; provided, further, that the Commission shall issue no license nor award any dates for racing on any tracks or places for holding races in Maryland, unless on such tracks or places for holding races, races have been run or held at least once in every year for a period of three consecutive years immediately prior to May 6, 1943, it being the intent, purpose and effect of this section to insure that no new or additional tracks or places for holding or conducting races shall be licensed or awarded dates; provided, however, that if the Maryland Jockey Club, the Southern Maryland Agricultural Association, or the Maryland State Fair, Inc. [or the Harford Agricultural and Breeders' Association], respectively, shall permanently abandon for racing purposes the Pimlico Track, the Bowie Track, or the Laurel