

# HOUSE BILL 348

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By: **Delegates N. King, Hixson, Cardin, Doory, Elmore, Howard, Kaiser, and F. Turner**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Horse Racing – Purse and Bred Fund Supplements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain lottery revenues for a certain fiscal year be  
4 distributed to a special fund to be used only for certain purposes; requiring that  
5 horse racing purses and bred funds be increased according to a certain formula;  
6 requiring that all funds for purses and bred funds under this Act be in addition  
7 to and not supplant certain other funds; establishing certain conditions on the  
8 distribution of certain funds; providing for the termination of this Act; and  
9 generally relating to purse and bred fund supplements for horse racing in the  
10 State.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (a) Notwithstanding § 9–120 of the State Government Article, after  
14 cumulative distributions for fiscal year 2007 to the General Fund under §  
15 9–120(b)(1)(ii) of the State Government Article total \$477,400,000, \$15,000,000 of the  
16 remaining revenue that would otherwise be paid to the General Fund under §  
17 9–120(b)(1)(ii) of the State Government Article shall be distributed to a special fund to  
18 be used only to increase purses at harness racing tracks, mile thoroughbred tracks,  
19 and Timonium Race Course and to supplement existing bred funds in accordance with  
20 this Act.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) If lottery revenues do not provide the \$15,000,000 for the purposes  
2 specified in subsection (a) of this section, the Governor may request a deficiency  
3 appropriation during the 2008 Legislative Session to make up the difference.

4 (c) In accordance with § 7-209 of the State Finance and Procurement Article,  
5 the Governor by budgetary amendment shall allocate money from the special fund  
6 created under subsection (a) of this section in the manner specified under subsection  
7 (d) of this section.

8 (d) The amount credited to the special fund created under subsection (a) of  
9 this section shall be used as follows:

10 (1) 11% to increase the bred funds to be allocated as follows:

11 (i) 80% to the Maryland–Bred Race Fund; and

12 (ii) 20% to the Standard Bred Race Fund; and

13 (2) 89% to increase purses at harness racing tracks and thoroughbred  
14 racing tracks to be allocated as follows:

15 (i) 80% to purses at the mile thoroughbred racing tracks and  
16 Timonium; and

17 (ii) 20% to purses at the harness racing tracks, which shall be  
18 allocated 85% for Rosecroft Raceway and 15% for Ocean Downs Racetrack.

19 (e) For each racetrack licensee, funds provided for purses and bred funds  
20 under this section may only be allocated if the Maryland Racing Commission has  
21 awarded at least the same number of live racing days for each racetrack for calendar  
22 year 2007 as were run in calendar year 2006.

23 (f) All funds provided for purses and bred funds at harness racing tracks,  
24 mile thoroughbred racing tracks, and Timonium Race Course by this Act shall be in  
25 addition to and may not supplant:

26 (1) Amounts allocated for purses and bred funds under current  
27 agreements between the harness racing tracks and the organization that represents a  
28 majority of owners and trainers of standardbred horses in the State; and

29 (2) Amounts otherwise provided in statute for purses and bred funds  
30 at mile thoroughbred racing tracks and Timonium Race Course.

1           (g)    The purses shall be distributed at mile thoroughbred racetracks and  
2 Timonium Race Course according to a formula determined by the State Racing  
3 Commission in consultation with the racetrack licensees and the organization that  
4 represents a majority of owners and trainers of thoroughbred horses in the State.

5           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 June 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the  
7 end of June 30, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this  
8 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.