

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL  
No. 2240 Session of  
1976

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. BRUNNER, ENGLEHART AND BELLOMINI,  
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SENATOR ORLANDO, STATE GOVERNMENT, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,  
SEPTEMBER 21, 1976

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 22, 1959 (P.L.1978, No.728),  
2 entitled, as amended, "An act providing for and regulating  
3 harness racing with pari-mutuel wagering on the results  
4 thereof; creating the State Harness Racing Commission as a  
5 departmental administrative commission within the Department  
6 of Agriculture and defining its powers and duties; providing  
7 for the establishment and operation of harness racing plants  
8 subject to local option; imposing taxes on revenues of such  
9 plants; disposing of all moneys received by the commission  
10 and all moneys collected from the taxes; authorizing  
11 penalties; and making appropriations," further providing for  
12 lost, misplaced or stolen tickets. ~~and further providing for~~ <—  
13 ~~the disposition of certain funds.~~

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. Clause (3) of subsection (b) of section 2, act of  
17 December 22, 1959 (P.L.1978, No.728), referred to as the State  
18 Harness Racing Law, is amended to read:

19 Section 2. General Powers of State Harness Racing  
20 Commission.--\* \* \*

21 (b) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and in  
22 addition to its other powers:

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2       (3) The rules of the commission shall also provide that all  
3 winning pari-mutuel tickets must be presented for payment before  
4 April first of the year following the year of their purchase and  
5 failure to present any such ticket within the prescribed period  
6 of time shall constitute a waiver of the right to participate in  
7 the award or dividend. After April first of the year following,  
8 all licensees will forward to the State Treasurer all funds so  
9 held for such uncashed tickets.

10       Where it is shown to the satisfaction of the racing  
11 commission and the Department of Revenue, through substantiated  
12 and recorded data, that the reason for the pari-mutuel ticket or  
13 tickets being outstanding and unclaimed is the loss,  
14 misplacement or theft of said ticket or tickets within the  
15 confines and control of the pari-mutuel department of any permit  
16 holder, and it is further shown to the satisfaction of the  
17 racing commission and the Department of Revenue that the pari-  
18 mutuel ticket or tickets in question have been cashed by the  
19 pari-mutuel department, the Department of Revenue, with the  
20 approval of the racing commission, may adjust and credit the  
21 permit holder's outstanding ticket account accordingly on March  
22 31 of the year following the year of purchase or after a  
23 complete audit of the outstanding tickets accounts have been  
24 performed, and the permit holder shall reimburse any employee who  
25 has been held personally accountable and paid for such lost,  
26 misplaced or stolen ticket or tickets.

27       ~~Section 2. Clause (3) of subsection (d) of section 16, of~~ <—  
28 ~~the act, amended December 30, 1974 (P.L.1139, No.364), is~~  
29 ~~amended to read:~~

30       ~~Section 16. Disposition and Appropriation of Funds Accruing~~

1 ~~under the Provisions of this Act. \* \* \*~~

2 ~~(d) The balance of said moneys shall be paid into a fund~~  
3 ~~known as the Pennsylvania Fair Fund. Moneys in the Pennsylvania~~  
4 ~~Fair Fund are hereby appropriated to the Department of~~  
5 ~~Agriculture and shall be distributed by the Secretary of~~  
6 ~~Agriculture, annually, on or before the first day of March~~  
7 ~~beginning with the year 1968, as follows:~~

8 ~~\* \* \*~~

9 ~~(3) For reimbursement for each county agricultural society~~  
10 ~~and independent agricultural society conducting races for two~~  
11 ~~and three year old colts and fillies, at their annual fair on~~  
12 ~~which a maximum of [seven hundred dollars (\$700)] six thousand~~  
13 ~~dollars (\$6,000) was paid [for each such race but not more than~~  
14 ~~fifty six hundred dollars (\$5,600)] for the total number of~~  
15 ~~races which shall be not more than eight such races annually.~~  
16 ~~Entrance fees collected for each such race shall not be included~~  
17 ~~when computing the amount distributed by the Secretary of~~  
18 ~~Agriculture under this subsection.~~

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20 ~~Section 3-~~ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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