

HOUSE BILL 337

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By: **Delegates Lehman, Bartlett, Guzzone, Pena–Melnik, Taveras, and Terrasa**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Lottery Fund – Laurel Race Course – Local Impact Aid**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Comptroller, ~~each fiscal year~~, for certain fiscal years, to
4 distribute from the State Lottery Fund a certain amount of supplemental local
5 impact aid to Anne Arundel County, Howard County, and the City of Laurel from
6 the proceeds of a certain lottery game; and generally relating to the State Lottery
7 Fund and supplemental local impact aid for Anne Arundel County, Howard County,
8 and the City of Laurel.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Business Regulation
11 Section 11–404(d)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2024 Replacement Volume)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – State Government
16 Section 9–120(b)(1)(xiii) and (xiv)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

19 BY adding to
20 Article – State Government
21 Section 9–120(b)(1)(xiv), (3), and (4)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Business Regulation

11–404.

(d) (1) If 140 or more days of live racing in a year are held at Laurel Race Course, the Comptroller shall pay:

(i) for each day of live racing, \$2,000 to Anne Arundel County, \$500 to Howard County, and \$300 to the City of Laurel; and

(ii) for each additional day of intertrack betting without live racing held, \$1,000 to Anne Arundel County, \$250 to Howard County, and \$150 to the City of Laurel.

(2) If fewer than 140 days of live racing in a year are held at Laurel Race Course, the Comptroller shall pay:

(i) for each day of live racing or each day of intertrack betting without live racing held, up to a maximum payment for 140 days, \$2,000 to Anne Arundel County, \$500 to Howard County, and \$300 to the City of Laurel; and

(ii) for each additional day of intertrack betting without live racing held, \$1,000 to Anne Arundel County, \$250 to Howard County, and \$150 to the City of Laurel.

Article – State Government

9–120.

(b) (1) By the end of the month following collection, the Comptroller shall deposit, cause to be deposited, or pay:

(xiii) after June 30, 2024, a supplemental local impact grant of \$3,000,000 each fiscal year to the County Executive and County Council of Prince George's County from the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of all lotteries after the distributions under subsection (a) of this section and items (i) through (xii) of this paragraph to be distributed in Prince George's County in accordance with § 9–1A–31 of this title; [and]

(XIV) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION AFTER JUNE 30, 2025, SUPPLEMENTAL LOCAL IMPACT AID OF ~~\$500,000~~ \$250,000 EACH FISCAL YEAR FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE RACETRAX LOTTERY GAME TO ANNE

1 ARUNDEL COUNTY, HOWARD COUNTY, AND THE CITY OF LAUREL IN PROPORTION
2 TO EACH JURISDICTION'S SHARE OF THE MONEY REQUIRED TO BE PAID UNDER §
3 11-404(D) OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE TO BE USED IN ACCORDANCE
4 WITH PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND

5 [(xiv)] (XV) into the General Fund of the State the money that remains
6 in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of all lotteries after the distributions under
7 subsection (a) of this section and items (i) through [(xiii)] (XIV) of this paragraph.

8 (3) THE COMPTROLLER MAY NOT PAY THE SUPPLEMENTAL LOCAL
9 IMPACT AID REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(XIV) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR ANY
10 FISCAL YEAR FOLLOWING THE FISCAL YEAR THAT:

11 (I) LAUREL RACE COURSE IS NO LONGER USED FOR LIVE
12 RACING OR TRAINING; OR

13 (II) BACKSTRETCH WORKERS EMPLOYED AT LAUREL RACE
14 COURSE ARE NO LONGER LIVING ON THE LAUREL RACE COURSE PROPERTY.

15 (4) (I) ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, HOWARD COUNTY, AND THE
16 CITY OF LAUREL SHALL USE THE SUPPLEMENTAL LOCAL IMPACT AID REQUIRED
17 UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(XIV) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO PROVIDE PROGRAMS AND
18 SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING LAUREL RACE COURSE
19 INCLUDING:

- 20 1. HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES;
- 21 2. INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY COUNSELING;
- 22 3. DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADDICTION AWARENESS,
23 SUPPORT, AND TREATMENT;
- 24 4. SOCIAL SERVICES;
- 25 5. NUTRITION AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS; AND
- 26 6. TRANSPORTATION, IF NECESSARY, TO OFF-SITE
27 MEDICAL AND WELLNESS SERVICES.

28 (II) 1. ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MAY USE THE
29 SUPPLEMENTAL LOCAL IMPACT AID UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(XIV) OF THIS
30 SUBSECTION ONLY TO PROVIDE GRANT FUNDING FOR THE PURPOSES IDENTIFIED
31 UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:

1 A. WITH A HISTORY OF WORKING WITH BACKSTRETCH
2 WORKERS EMPLOYED AT LAUREL RACE COURSE; AND

3 B. THAT EMPLOY SPANISH-SPEAKING PROGRAM STAFF
4 OR PROVIDE TRANSLATION SERVICES FOR NONNATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS.

5 2. IN CONSULTATION WITH AT LEAST TWO LAUREL
6 RACE COURSE BACKSTRETCH WORKERS DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE,
7 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MAY USE THE PUBLIC GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS
8 DEVELOPED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE LAUREL RACE COURSE IMPACT ADVISORY
9 COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE GRANT FUNDING TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS UNDER
10 THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.

11 3. A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT RECEIVES GRANT
12 FUNDING UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH MAY USE THE FUNDING ONLY TO PROVIDE
13 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AT LAUREL RACE COURSE OR WITHIN 1 MILE OF LAUREL
14 RACE COURSE TO BACKSTRETCH WORKERS EMPLOYED AT LAUREL RACE COURSE
15 OR RESIDENTS LIVING IN THE 20724 POSTAL ZIP CODE.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
17 1, 2025. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2027,
18 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
19 of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.