

## Chapter 203

**(House Bill 482)**

AN ACT concerning

**Horse Racing – Maryland–Bred Race Fund Advisory Committee – Membership –  
Advisory Committee Membership and Registration of Horses**

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Maryland–Bred Race Fund Advisory Committee to include a member of and recommended by a certain organization that represents licensed thoroughbred owners and trainers in the State; altering the circumstances under which a horse may be registered with the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, Inc.; making a conforming change; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to horse racing and the Maryland–Bred Race Fund ~~Advisory Committee.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 Article – Business Regulation  
 Section 11–529  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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 Article – Business Regulation  
 Section 11–532(a) and (b) and 11–538  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

**Article – Business Regulation**

11–529.

- (a) In this part the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Advisory Committee” means the Maryland–Bred Race Fund Advisory Committee.
- (c) “Fund” means the Maryland–Bred Race Fund.
- (d) “Fund Race” means a race funded by the Maryland–Bred Race Fund.

11–532.

(a) (1) The Advisory Committee consists of **[5] SIX** members appointed by the Commission with the approval of the Secretary.

(2) Of the **[5] SIX** members of the Advisory Committee:

(i) **[2] TWO** shall be members of and recommended by the Maryland Horse Breeders Association;

(ii) **[1] ONE** shall be recommended by the mile thoroughbred racing licensees;

**(III) ONE SHALL BE A MEMBER OF AND RECOMMENDED BY THE MARYLAND THOROUGHBRED HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.;**

**[(iii)] (IV) [1] ONE** shall be recommended by the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Inc.; and

**[(iv)] (V) [1] ONE** shall be a member of and appointed by the Commission.

(b) (1) The term of a member of the Advisory Committee is 1 year and begins on June 1.

(2) If the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, the mile thoroughbred racing licensees, **THE MARYLAND THOROUGHBRED HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.**, or the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Inc., by June 1 fails to recommend an individual to be a member of the Advisory Committee, the Commission with the approval of the Secretary shall appoint the member.

(3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed.

(4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed.

11-538.

A horse may be registered with the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, Inc., only if the horse was foaled in Maryland as shown by a foal certificate from the Jockey Club and:

(1) the breeder of the horse has maintained a place of abode in Maryland for more than 9 months immediately before registration;

(2) the breeder of the horse keeps breeding stock continually in Maryland;

(3) the horse was conceived in Maryland during the previous season; [or]

(4) the horse's dam was sent to Maryland to foal and after foaling was covered ONLY by a Maryland stallion during the season of the horse's birth; OR

**(5) IF THE HORSE'S DAM DIES, IS PERMANENTLY RETIRED, OR IS CERTIFIED BY A VETERINARIAN AS UNABLE TO BE BRED, THE HORSE RESIDED IN THE STATE FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS AFTER THE HORSE WAS FOALED.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2021.

**Approved by the Governor, May 18, 2021.**