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House Bill 482
Ways and Means

(Delegate Kaiser)

Budget and Taxation

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

This bill increases the number of members on the Maryland-Bred Race Fund Advisory Committee from five to six to include a member who is a member of and recommended by the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association. The bill also expands the circumstances under which a horse may be registered with the Maryland Horse Breeders Association. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2021.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Altering the appointment process of advisory committee members does not affect governmental finances. Any expense reimbursements for advisory committee members are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill adds an alternative condition that may be met in order for a horse to be registered with the Maryland Horse Breeders Association. Specifically, the horse may be eligible to be registered if – in cases where 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 six months after the horse was foaled. As for all other registrations, the horse must also have been foaled in Maryland as shown by a foal certificate from the Jockey Club.

Current Law: The Maryland-Bred Race Fund Advisory Committee consists of five members appointed by the Maryland Racing Commission (MRC), with the approval of the Secretary of Labor, as follows:

- two members of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, who are recommended by that association;
- one recommended by the mile thoroughbred racing licensees;
- one recommended by the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Inc.; and
- one member of MRC, who is appointed by MRC.

The term of a member of the advisory committee is one year and begins on June 1. If the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, the mile thoroughbred racing licensees, or the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Inc., fail to recommend an individual to be a member of the advisory committee by June 1, MRC, with the approval of the Secretary of Labor, appoints the member.

Registration with the Maryland Horse Breeders Association

A horse may only be registered with the Maryland Horse Breeders Association if the horse was foaled in Maryland, as shown by a foal certificate from the Jockey Club, and meets one of four additional conditions: (1) the breeder of the horse has maintained a place of abode in Maryland for more than nine 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 by a Maryland stallion during the season of the horse's birth.

Additional Information

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