

SENATE BILL 491

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CF HB 557

By: **Senator Peters**

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Assigned to: Finance

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Horse Racing – Bowie Race Course Training Center – Ownership Transfer**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the owner of the Bowie Race Course Training Center
4 to convey certain property associated with the training center to the State ~~as~~
5 ~~preserved land under Program Open Space, Prince George’s County, or the City~~
6 of Bowie; providing for the construction of certain provisions of law; and
7 generally relating to horse racing and the Bowie Race Course Training Center.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Business Regulation
10 Section 11–519
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Business Regulation**

16 11–519.

17 (a) ~~The~~ **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, THE** owner of
18 the Bowie Race Course Training Center shall operate the Center as a thoroughbred
19 training facility to provide more stall space for a race meeting that a licensee holds.

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.



1 (b) ~~The~~ **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, THE** owner of
 2 the Bowie Race Course Training Center is responsible for the cost to improve,
 3 maintain, and operate the Center.

4 (c) As long as the Bowie Race Course Training Center is used for the purpose
 5 specified in subsection (a) of this section, the Commission shall have general
 6 regulatory jurisdiction over the Center to:

7 (1) provide enough stalls;

8 (2) maintain safe operating conditions;

9 (3) require the owner of the Center to submit an annual operating
 10 financial statement; and

11 (4) order reasonable improvements.

12 **(D) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTIONS (A), (B), AND (C) OF THIS**
 13 **SECTION, THE OWNER OF THE BOWIE RACE COURSE TRAINING CENTER MAY**
 14 **CONVEY THE PROPERTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE BOWIE RACE COURSE**
 15 **TRAINING CENTER TO THE STATE AS ~~PRESERVED LAND UNDER PROGRAM~~**
 16 **OPEN SPACE, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, OR THE CITY OF BOWIE.**

17 **(E) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE THE STATE,**
 18 **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, OR THE CITY OF BOWIE TO OPERATE THE BOWIE**
 19 **RACE COURSE TRAINING CENTER AS A THOROUGHBRED TRAINING FACILITY.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 21 October 1, 2011.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.