

Chapter 19

(Senate Bill 62)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Horse Industry Fund – Fees

FOR the purpose of requiring certain revenue collected by the Maryland Horse Industry Board be paid into the Maryland Horse Industry Fund; establishing a certain fee for a certain license; altering the fees for certain licensure renewal and inspection of horse stables; and generally relating to the Maryland Horse Industry Fund fees.

BY repealing

Article – Agriculture

Section 2–708

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Agriculture

Section 2–708

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Agriculture

Section 2–708.2(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Agriculture

Section 2–708.2(f), 2–711, 2–712, and 2–713

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

Article – Agriculture

[2–708.

Except as provided in § 2–708.2 of this subtitle, the Board shall pay all funds collected under this subtitle into the General Fund of this State.]

2–708.

ALL FUNDS COLLECTED BY THE BOARD SHALL BE PAID INTO THE MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY FUND UNDER § 2–708.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

2–708.2.

(a) In this section, “Fund” means the Maryland Horse Industry Fund.

(f) The Fund consists of:

(1) Moneys made available from an assessment on equine feed as required under § 6–107.2 of this article;

(2) Moneys made available to the Fund by general, federal, or special fund appropriations; [and]

(3) Moneys made available to the Fund by gifts, grants or transfers from any government or unit or instrumentality of a government or from any private sector sources; **AND**

(4) MONEYS MADE AVAILABLE FROM LICENSING AND INSPECTION OF HORSE STABLES AS REQUIRED UNDER §§ 2–711, 2–712, AND 2–713 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

2–711.

To apply for a license, an applicant shall:

(1) Submit an application to the Board on the form that it requires; [and]

(2) Pay to the Board a nonrefundable inspection fee of [~~\$25~~] **\$50**; **AND**

(3) PAY TO THE BOARD A LICENSE FEE OF \$75.

2–712.

(a) A license expires on the June 30 after its effective date, unless the license is renewed for a 1–year term as provided in this section.

(b) Before his license expires, a licensee periodically may renew his license for additional 1-year terms, if the licensee:

- (1) Otherwise is entitled to be licensed;
- (2) Pays to the Board a renewal fee of [~~\$50~~] **\$75**; and
- (3) Submits to the Board a renewal application on the form that it requires.

2-713.

(a) Each horse riding stable licensed under this subtitle shall be inspected at least every 2 years.

(b) Each licensee shall pay to the Board annually an inspection fee of [~~\$25~~] **\$50**.

(c) If more than one inspection is necessary in any licensing period, the licensee shall pay an additional inspection fee of [~~\$25~~] **\$50** for each inspection. If, after three inspections, existing deficiencies have not been corrected by the licensee, the Board shall bring formal charges against the licensee, and an administrative hearing shall be held in order to determine if the license should be suspended or revoked for any of the reasons listed in § 2-715 of this subtitle.

(d) An inspection shall be deemed necessary if, during a previous inspection, deficiencies are found and the licensee has not submitted evidence to the Board within a reasonable period of time that satisfactory corrective measures have been completed.

(e) Based on criteria it develops, the Board may create additional classes of licenses, all of which shall have the usual annual fee under this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor, April 13, 2010.