

HOUSE BILL 531

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Racing Commission – Meetings – Notice of Agenda Items**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Racing Commission to post the agenda for an
4 open meeting of the Commission on the Commission's Web site a certain
5 number of days before the meeting; authorizing the Commission to include a
6 certain disclaimer on the agenda; prohibiting the Commission from amending
7 an agenda that has been posted under certain circumstances; requiring the
8 Commission to post an amended agenda on the Commission's Web site a certain
9 number of hours after the agenda has been amended; and generally relating to
10 the posting of meeting agendas of the State Racing Commission.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Business Regulation
13 Section 11–204
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Business Regulation**

19 11–204.

20 (a) Except as provided in § 11–310 of this title, a majority of the members
21 then serving on the Commission is a quorum.

22 (b) **(1)** The Commission shall meet in the State, at the times and places
23 that the Commission determines.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) (I) AT LEAST 7 BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE AN OPEN MEETING**
2 **OF THE COMMISSION, THE COMMISSION SHALL POST THE AGENDA FOR THE**
3 **MEETING ON THE COMMISSION'S WEB SITE, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER**
4 **LOCATION THE COMMISSION DETERMINES IS APPROPRIATE.**

5 **(II) THE COMMISSION MAY INCLUDE A DISCLAIMER ON THE**
6 **AGENDA THAT THE AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

7 **(III) 1. THE COMMISSION MAY NOT AMEND AN AGENDA**
8 **THAT HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE COMMISSION'S WEB SITE UNDER**
9 **SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH UNLESS THE SECRETARY DETERMINES**
10 **THAT THE PROPOSED CHANGE WAS REASONABLY UNANTICIPATED WHEN THE**
11 **ORIGINAL AGENDA WAS POSTED.**

12 **2. IF AN AGENDA IS AMENDED, THE NEW AGENDA**
13 **SHALL BE POSTED ON THE COMMISSION'S WEB SITE WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER**
14 **THE AMENDMENT IS MADE.**

15 (c) Each member of the Commission is entitled to:

16 (1) compensation in accordance with the State budget; and

17 (2) reimbursement under the Standard State Travel Regulations for
18 expenses for each Commission meeting attended, as provided in the State budget.

19 (d) While in office, each member of the Commission shall be covered by a
20 surety bond in the form and amount required by law.

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