

**SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS**

**SB 204**

**2021 Regular Session**

**Cortez**

**KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

HORSE RACING. Provides for live racing dates and the minimum number of races per day to be assigned by the Louisiana State Racing Commission. (7/1/21)

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Repeals a provision of present law that requires LSRC to place on its agenda any written request made by the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association 1993, Inc. which is submitted no later than ten business days before a properly noticed meeting of the commission.
2. Replaces an illustrative list of circumstances which authorize LSRC to amend an application with a requirement that LSRC make every effort to reduce conflicting or overlapping live race meeting dates.
3. Provides that only provisions of Section 1 of proposed law shall apply to race meetings held on or after October 1, 2021.
4. Makes technical changes.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

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Present law provides that the Louisiana State Racing Commission (LSRC) has the specific duty to set the dates during which any race meetings may be conducted in Louisiana, including dates which limit racing at particular tracks to quarter horses only.

Present law provides that on or before May first and Sept. first, after receipt of applications from the various licensed racing associations, LSRC shall convene to consider the refusal or granting of licenses to conduct the race meetings applied for.

Proposed law retains the application process for licensed race meetings, but provides that LSRC shall assign dates for all race meetings at each track and license in accordance therewith and shall set a minimum number of live races per race day. Authorizes LSRC to amend an application, or any included race dates, or assign dates different than that included in the application for any reason that it considers sufficient, making every effort to reduce conflicting or overlapping live race meeting dates for the tracks in this state.

Present law requires LSRC to place on its agenda any written request made by the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association 1993, Inc. which is submitted no later than ten business days before a properly noticed meeting of the commission. Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective July 1, 2021, and the provisions of Section 1 are applicable to race meetings held on and after October 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 4:147(1) and 158(B)(2); Repeals R.S. 4:147(7))

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