
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for duties required of the La. State Racing Commission and provides for certain reporting requirements of licensed associations.

Present law provides for specific duties of the La. State Racing Commission.

Proposed law provides for the following additional duties of the commission:

- (1) Promulgate rules setting forth minimum standards and infrastructure investments required of each association for facility maintenance and improvements, such as minimum standards for track surface, barns, grand stands, and paddocks in order for the association to be eligible to conduct race meets at a particular track.
- (2) Promulgate rules setting forth minimum employment requirements for both full-time and seasonal workers in order for the association to be eligible to conduct race meets at a particular track.

Present law authorizes the commission to require licensed associations to submit a written report and sets forth certain guidelines to be included in the report, including a plan of operation and a summary of the prior year's plan of operation. Proposed law changes these reporting provisions from a regulation the commission is authorized to enforce to a regulation the board is required to enforce.

Proposed law requires facility improvements to be included in the plan of operation guidelines set forth in present law.

Present law defines "facility improvements".

Proposed law requires each association or licensee as defined in present law (R.S. 4:143) to submit, by certified mail no later than 20 days after the end of each calendar quarter, a report to the commission, Senate Committee on Judiciary B, and the House Committee on Commerce which names each individual, corporation, firm, partnership, association, or other legal entity that provides professional services to the association, including the name and addresses of each entity and whether the entity providing the services is a La. registered business, female-owned, or minority-owned.

Proposed law requires each association or licensee as defined in present law (R.S. 4:143) to submit, by certified mail no later than 20 days after the end of each calendar quarter, a report to the commission, Senate Committee on Judiciary B, and the House Committee on Commerce which

provides the demographic information of the association's or licensee's workforce, including race, gender, and La. residency.

Proposed law defines "professional services".

Proposed law requires the reports set forth in proposed law to be public record and governed by present law public record provisions.

Proposed law provides that the reports required pursuant to proposed law are not required to contain compensation amounts paid by the association to each individual or legal entity in exchange for professional services or the compensation paid to each of its employees.

Proposed law authorizes the commission to suspend or withdraw licenses, permits, and other privileges or to terminate racing privileges for failure to comply with the reporting requirements in accordance with proposed law.

Proposed law requires the commission to adopt rules for the implementation of proposed law and requires such rules to be adopted pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

Proposed law requires the first report required pursuant to proposed law to be submitted by October 20, 2022.

Proposed law authorizes the commission to suspend or withdraw licenses, permits, and other privileges or terminate racing privileges for failure to spend necessary funds in order to maintain minimum facility maintenance and facility improvement criteria established pursuant to present law and proposed law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 4:158.1 and 160(B) 160(B); Adds R.S. 4:147(7) and (8), 158.2, and 160(C))