HORSE RACING. Provides relative to offtrack wagering facility locations. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:228(F), relative to horse racing; to provide for offtrack wagering facility locations; to provide for prohibitions; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 4:228(F) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§228. Offtrack wagering facility locations; prohibited distances; prohibited structures

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(1) If application for licensing is made after July 1, 2021, the prohibition in Subsection A of this Section shall apply.

(2) Notwithstanding the prohibitions in Subsections A and D of this Section and Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, if the owner of the equity of the primary licensee on July 1, 2021, sold the equity of the primary licensee to a new owner, and the transaction was approved by the commission prior to November 1, 2021, then the primary licensee shall have until August 1, 2022, to apply for licensing of offtrack wagering facility locations and the prohibitions in Subsections A and D of this Section and Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

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shall not apply to those applications.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

DIGEST
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Present law prohibits any license be granted to any offtrack wagering facility (OTB) located
within one mile from any property on the National Register of Historic Places, any public
playground, any residential property, or a building used primarily as a church, synagogue,
public library, or school.

Present law provides for an exception to the present law prohibition if the OTB licensee
applied for a license or was issued a license on or before July 1, 2021, or applied for or was
issued a valid building permit on or before July 1, 2021, and subsequently issued a license.

Proposed law provides for an exception to the present law prohibition if the owner of the
equity of the primary licensee on July 1, 2021, sold the equity of the primary licensee to a
new owner, and the transaction was approved by the La. State Racing Comm. prior to
November 1, 2021, then the primary licensee shall have until August 1, 2022, to apply for
licensing of the OTBs.

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

(Amends R.S. 4:228(F))