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))