

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 575 (SB 525)

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Prior law created the Louisiana State Racing Commission and provides for the powers and duties of the commission. New law retains prior law.

Prior law provided that if the commission determines that a licensed facility is unable to conduct all or part of a scheduled meet due to an occurrence over which the facility has no control, the commission may authorize additional or substitute race days. Further, allowed the commission to approve a transfer of monies dedicated for purses from one licensed facility to the affected licensed facility. New law retains prior law.

New law provides that if the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association and the involved licensed facilities agree, the commission may approve the transfer of slot machine proceeds received for thoroughbred race purses from one licensed eligible facility to another licensed eligible facility to supplement thoroughbred purses at a thoroughbred race meet. Further, provides that the transferred funds must be awarded within one year of the date of transfer.

Prior law, except as to a racing facility in Orleans Parish, provided that the size of the designated gaming area in an eligible facility cannot exceed 15,000 square feet. New law removes the square foot limitation and provides that the gaming area not contain more than 1,632 gaming positions.

New law defines "gaming position" to mean a slot machine seat and that each slot machine seat shall be counted as one position, subject to the rules and regulations of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. Requires the board to specifically provide by rule for the counting of gaming positions for devices and games where seats and spaces are not readily countable.

New law provisions concerning the number of gaming positions and definition of "gaming position" become effective if and when the Act which originated as SB 316 of the 2018 Regular Session becomes law. Other provisions effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 4:1183(B)(intro para) and (3), 214.1(B), and R.S. 27:372(A); adds R.S. 4:147.1(D) and R.S. 27:372(C))