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SENATE BILL NO. 431

BY SENATOR ROBERT MILLS

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

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 4:228(F), relative to horse racing; to provide for offtrack
3	wagering facility locations; to provide for prohibitions; to provide for exceptions;
4	and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 4:228(F) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7	§228. Offtrack wagering facility locations; prohibited distances; prohibited structures
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9	F.(1) If application for licensing is made after July 1, 2021, the prohibition
10	in Subsection A of this Section shall apply.
11	(2) Notwithstanding the prohibitions in Subsections A and D of this
12	Section and Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, if the owner of the equity of the
13	primary licensee on July 1, 2021, sold the equity of the primary licensee to a new
14	owner, and the transaction was approved by the commission prior to
15	November 1, 2021, then the primary licensee shall have until August 1, 2022, to
16	apply for licensing of offtrack wagering facility locations and the prohibitions
17	in Subsections A and D of this Section and Paragraph (1) of this Subsection

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shall not apply to those applications.

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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.

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<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Present law</u> provides for an exception to the <u>present law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for an exception to the <u>present law</u> 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))