

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 938

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RACING/HORSE: Provides relative to licenses issued by the Louisiana State Racing Commission

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 4:150(A) and 169(A)(3), relative to horse racing; to extend the
3 term of certain licenses; to provide for renewal; to provide an expiration date; to
4 make technical changes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 4:150(A) and 169(A)(3) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
8 as follows:

9 §150. Licenses to owners, trainers, jockeys, and riders; qualifications of applicant
10 for a license

11 A.(1) The ~~Commission~~ commission may grant, refuse, suspend, or withdraw
12 licenses to horse owners, jockeys, riders, agents, trainers, grooms, stable foremen,
13 exercise boys, veterinarians, valets, platers, ~~and/or~~ or anyone licensed pursuant to
14 this Part and any rules and regulations the ~~Commission~~ commission adopts and upon
15 the payment of a license fee as fixed pursuant to this Part. No license under this
16 ~~section~~ Section shall be granted for more than ~~one~~ three fiscal year years, but a
17 license issued pursuant to this Part is valid at all race meetings in ~~the~~ this state during
18 the period. Any license may be revoked by the commission and any person whose
19 license has been revoked is ineligible to participate in racing unless the license is
20 returned by the commission with permission to operate thereunder. No license shall

1 be refused to any applicant who is qualified in accordance with the rules and
2 regulations adopted by the commission, and no license shall be revoked without just
3 cause.

4 (2) The granting of a license to a trainer shall make him responsible for and
5 be the absolute insurer of the condition of the horses he enters regardless of acts of
6 third parties.

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8 §169. Licenses, registrations, fees for participating in racing

9 A.

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11 (3)(a) Effective July 1, 2013, owners, trainers, jockeys, jockey agents,
12 exercise persons, and veterinarians may renew the annual license fee for up to a
13 three-year period which shall expire June thirtieth of the third year. Colors may also
14 be registered at the annual license amount for up to a three-year period to expire June
15 thirtieth of the third year.

16 (b) Beginning July 1, 2022, the commission may renew the annual license
17 fee for the partnership licenses outlined in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection for up to
18 a three-year period which shall expire June thirtieth of the third year.

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

DIGEST

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HB 938 Engrossed

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Abstract: Modifies the period in which licenses issued by the La. State Racing Commission remain active.

Present law authorizes the La. State Racing Commission (commission) to issue licenses to owners, trainers, jockeys, riders, and various other occupations relative to horse racing.

Proposed law retains present law.

Under present law a license issued by the commission remains active for a period of not more than 1 year.

Proposed law extends this period from not more than 1 year to not more than 3 years.

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

(Amends R.S. 4:150(A) and 169(A)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.