

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 840

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER

RACING/COMMISSION: Provides relative to the members of the Louisiana State Racing Commission

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 4:144(B)(2) and (C), relative to the members of the Louisiana
3 State Racing Commission; to provide for the ownership of racehorses; to provide for
4 the per diem rates for commission members; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 4:144(B)(2) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §144. Louisiana State Racing Commission; creation; membership; tenure; powers
9 and duties; quorum; qualification of members; per diem; expenses and
10 disbursements; bond; prohibited interest

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12 B.

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14 (2)(a) No member shall be an official, member of any board of directors, or
15 person financially interested in any race track or race meeting licensed by the
16 commission. ~~Except as provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, no member
17 may directly or indirectly own racehorses which participate in any race meeting
18 licensed by the commission.~~

1 ~~(b) Three members shall be owners of racehorses which participate in any~~
2 ~~race meeting licensed by the commission.~~

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4 C. Members shall serve without salary, but shall receive a per diem at the
5 rate of ~~fifty~~ one hundred dollars per day while attending official meetings, regular
6 or special, of the commission called by the chairman, or in his absence, one of the
7 vice chairmen, not to exceed ~~two~~ four thousand dollars per annum. The commission
8 shall reimburse its members and employees for all travel expenses and disbursements
9 incurred by them in the discharge of their official duties. They shall give a bond to
10 the governor in the amount of ten thousand dollars, conditioned that they will
11 faithfully and honestly perform the duties of their office. The premium for the bond
12 shall be paid by the commission.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the members of the Louisiana State Racing Commission.

Present law provides that no member of the La. State Racing Commission (commission) may directly or indirectly own racehorses which participate in any race meeting licensed by the commission except for the three members that shall be owners of racehorses which participate in any race meeting licensed by the commission.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides that members of the commission shall serve without salary, but shall receive a per diem at the rate of \$50 per day while attending official meetings, regular or special, of the commission called by the chairman, or in his absence, one of the vice chairmen, not to exceed \$2000 per annum.

Proposed law amends present law to increase the per diem from \$50 to \$100 per day and to increase the per annum amount from \$2000 to \$4000.

(Amends R.S. 4:144(B)(2) and (C))

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