

First Extraordinary Session, 2005

SENATE BILL NO. 60

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

HORSE RACING. Provides for shortened horse racing season and related matters. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 27:353(4) and to enact R.S. 4:157.2, relative to horse racing; to  
3 authorize the Louisiana State Racing Commission to award additional racing days  
4 or transfer racing dates to another track in a time of disaster or emergency; to provide  
5 for the suspension of the minimum number of live racing days necessary to conduct  
6 off-track or other wagering in the state; to include in the definition of eligible facility  
7 a facility not racing because of certain hurricane damage in order to preserve the  
8 revenues derived from the conduct of slot machine gaming; to provide for an  
9 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 4:157.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 **§157.2. Horse race meeting; act of God or disaster; transfer of racing days**  
13 **Whenever all or any portion of a horse race meeting can not be**  
14 **completed because racing dates allocated to a license occur when the location**  
15 **of the licensed racetrack is suffering a natural disaster or other emergency that**  
16 **would endanger the lives of persons in attendance if the racetrack were not**  
17 **closed or whenever such a natural disaster or other emergency causes such**



1 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
2 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
3 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
4 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Camille A. Sebastien

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#### DIGEST

Proposed law provides that whenever all or any portion of a horse race meeting can not be completed because a licensee's racing dates are to occur when the location of the racetrack is suffering a natural disaster or other emergency that would endanger the lives of those in attendance or whenever such natural disaster or other emergency causes such significant physical or structural damage to the racetrack, the commission may either award additional racing days to make up for those dates cancelled or authorize the meeting or any portion thereof to be conducted at another suitable racetrack with consent of the owner of such racetrack.

Present law provides a definition for facilities eligible for the conduct of slot machine gaming, which includes the requirement that such facilities conduct at least 80 days of live horse race meetings within a consecutive 20-week period.

Proposed law retains present law and adds provision that for the 2005-2006 racing season, eligible facility for slot machine gaming purposes shall include any facility in this state that will not be able to meet such requirements due to severe flooding and structural damage caused by hurricanes Katrina or Rita and to preserve the revenues to be received and distributed to the state and local governments at such facility.

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

(Amends R.S. 27:353(4); adds R.S. 4:157.2)