

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 550

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY BURNS

RACING: Makes changes to certain provisions regarding thoroughbreds and purses at certain tracks

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 4:214.1(C) and R.S. 27:361(B)(4)(d) and 361.1, relative to an eligible horse  
3 racing facility north of Interstate Twenty and no more than seventy-five miles south  
4 of the Louisiana and Arkansas border; to provide relative to racing days and types  
5 of horses run at an eligible racing facility north of Interstate Twenty and no more  
6 than seventy-five miles south of the Louisiana and Arkansas border; to provide  
7 relative to the distribution of the annual net slot machine proceeds received from slot  
8 machine gaming operations at an eligible horse racing facility north of Interstate  
9 Twenty and no more than seventy-five miles south of the Louisiana and Arkansas  
10 border; and to provide for related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 4:214.1(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §214.1. Minimum live racing dates; offtrack and other authorized wagering

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15 C. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any facility located  
16 north of Interstate Twenty and no more than seventy-five miles south of the  
17 Louisiana and Arkansas border shall maintain a minimum of thirty thoroughbred  
18 horse racing days conducted during twenty consecutive weeks and shall not be  
19 required to race quarter horses. The racing days provided for in this Subsection shall  
20 be conducted within a fifty-two week period.

1 Section 2. R.S. 27:361(B)(4)(d) and 361.1 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

2 §361. Conduct of slot machine gaming; temporary conduct

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4 B. As a condition of licensing and to maintain continued authority for the  
5 conduct of slot machine gaming at the licensed eligible facility, the owner of the  
6 licensed eligible facility shall:

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8 (4) Contribute to the support of pari-mutuel wagering facilities in the state  
9 at large and the horse breeding industry by paying annually from the annual net slot  
10 machine proceeds received from slot machine gaming operations at the licensed  
11 eligible facility as provided in this Paragraph.

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13 (d) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to a licensed eligible  
14 facility located north of Interstate Twenty and no more than seventy-five miles south  
15 of the Louisiana and Arkansas border.

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17 §361.1. Distribution of slot machine gaming; facility north of Interstate Twenty and  
18 no more than seventy-five miles south of the Louisiana and Arkansas border

19 A. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 27:361(B)(4)(a) through (c) or any  
20 other provision to the contrary, as a condition of licensing and to maintain continued  
21 authority for the conduct of slot machine gaming at the licensed eligible facility, a  
22 licensed eligible facility located north of Interstate Twenty and no more than  
23 seventy-five miles south of the Louisiana and Arkansas border shall pay a fixed  
24 percentage of nine percent from the annual net slot machine proceeds received from  
25 slot machine gaming operations at that facility as follows:

26 (1) Eight percent to supplement purses for thoroughbred races at that facility  
27 or any facility licensed by the Louisiana State Racing Commission to conduct  
28 additional or substitute races or race days as authorized by R.S. 4:147.1, thirty  
29 percent of which shall be for Louisiana-bred thoroughbred horses. Four percent of

1        this amount shall go to the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association in  
2        accordance with law.

3                (2) One percent to the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Thoroughbred  
4        Breeders' Association. The Executive Committee shall distribute such amount  
5        according to a schedule or formula and within a time period which shall be  
6        established by the committee for special breeder awards to the breeders of accredited  
7        Louisiana-bred horses.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that an eligible racing facility located north of Interstate 20 and no more than 75 miles south of the Louisiana and Arkansas border shall maintain a minimum of 30 thoroughbred horse racing days, shall not be required to race quarter horses, and the annual distribution of annual net slot machine proceeds received from slot machine gaming operations at that facility differ from that in current statute.

Present law provides requirements that eligible horse racing facilities must meet regarding the number of days that certain types of horses are raced.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding any provision of present law to the contrary, any facility located north of Interstate 20 and no more than 75 miles south of the Louisiana and Arkansas border shall maintain a minimum of 30 thoroughbred horse racing days conducted during 20 consecutive weeks. The racing days provided for in proposed law shall be conducted within a 52 week period.

Proposed law provides that any facility located north of Interstate 20 and no more than 75 miles south of the Louisiana and Arkansas border shall not be required to race quarter horses.

Present law provides that as a condition of licensing and to maintain continued authority for the conduct of slot machine gaming at a licensed eligible facility, a fixed percentage from the annual net slot machine proceeds received from slot machine gaming operations at that facility shall be distributed in certain percentages to specific entities.

Proposed law provides that the fixed percentage of annual net slot machine proceeds distributed from a licensed eligible facility north of Interstate 20 and no more than 75 miles south of the Louisiana and Arkansas border be different than that which is in present law and that distributions to specific entities not include certain entities.

(Adds R.S. 4:214.1(C) and R.S. 27:361(B)(4)(d) and 361.1)