
DIGEST

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HB No. 808

Abstract: Provides relative to the conditions at certain horse racing tracks.

Present law authorizes the La. State Racing Commission to license persons, associations, or corporations to conduct horse racing in this state.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law allows the La. State Racing Commission to refuse, suspend, or withdraw licenses, permits, and privileges granted by it or terminate racing privileges for just cause and lists those things constituting just cause.

Proposed law retains present law and adds failure to maintain all turf courses in good repair as determined by the stewards to the list of just causes.

Present law prohibits an association from conducting offtrack wagering in La. unless it also conducts live horse racing for not less than 80 thoroughbred horse racing days conducted during 20 consecutive weeks and not less than 44 quarter horse racing days conducted during 11 consecutive weeks, except that at any facility where the purse revenue derived from slot machines is limited by law to a certain expressly stated number of slot machines, then the required quarter horse racing days at that facility shall be not less than 10 quarter horse racing days conducted during 3 consecutive weeks.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the following:

- (1) At any facility where the purse revenue derived from slot machines is limited by law to a certain expressly stated number of slot machines, an association shall not be licensed to conduct offtrack or other wagering there unless it conducts not less than 250 thoroughbred horse races over a turf course maintained in good repair as determined by the stewards.
- (2) No association shall be licensed to conduct offtrack or other authorized wagering at any facility where the purse revenue derived from slot machines is limited by law to a certain expressly stated number of slot machines unless it provides the spectator public, the horses, and their attendants, with a clean, safe, and modern facility, including but not limited to the track itself, stands, and all places open to the public.

(Adds R.S. 4:160(7) and 214.1(C) and (D))