
DIGEST

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HB No. 808

Abstract: Provides relative to requirements for a horse racing licensee to be granted a permit to operate a track for a period of 10 years.

Present law provides the La. Racing Commission may contract with any licensee for a permit to operate a track for a period of 10 years.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that any licensee applying for a 10-year permit shall also agree in writing to expend the sum of no less than \$10,000 per year or \$100,000 during the 10-year period for the purpose of repairs and improvements to the track and its facilities, with the sum to be expended during the 10-year period.

Proposed law removes present law.

(Amends R.S. 4:158(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill.

1. Removed proposed law relative to allowing the La. State Racing Commission to refuse, suspend, or withdraw licenses, permits, and privileges granted by it or terminate racing privileges for failure to maintain all turf courses in good repair as determined by the stewards.
2. Removed proposed law prohibiting a facility where the purse revenue is derived from slot machines is limited by law to a certain expressly stated number of slot machines from conducting offtrack wagering unless it:
 - (a) Conducts a certain number of thoroughbred horse races over a turf course maintained in good repair as determined by the stewards prior to the racing days.
 - (b) 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.

3. Removed from present law that any licensee applying for a 10-year permit to operate a track shall also agree in writing to expend the sum of no less than \$10,000 per year or \$100,000 during the 10-year period for the purpose of repairs and improvements to the track and its facilities, with the sum to be expended during the 10-year period.