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## DIGEST

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HB 812 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Makes changes to the number of minimum race days a facility is required to conduct.

Present law requires an association to conduct live horse racing for not less than 130 racing days within each of two 52 week periods in order to be licensed to conduct offtrack or other authorized wagering.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires not less than 84 of the required 130 racing days be thoroughbred racing days conducted during 21 consecutive weeks and not less than 46 days to be quarter horse racing days conducted during 12 consecutive weeks.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law creates certain exceptions to these rules.

Proposed law retains the exceptions provided in present law.

Present law provides procedures, relative to these requirements, to be followed when the facility is sold.

Proposed law retains the procedures provided in present law.

Present law requires any facility subject to the provisions of present law to maintain a minimum of 80 thoroughbred horse racing days conducted during 20 consecutive weeks.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires any facility subject to the provisions of present law to maintain not less than 10 days of quarter horse racing conducted during three consecutive weeks.

Proposed law changes present law to require the facility to maintain not less than 15 days of quarter horse racing conducted during five consecutive weeks.

Proposed law provides a contingent effective date.

(Amends R.S. 4:214.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Remove proposed law which allows the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association and the involved licensed eligible facility to approve a reduction in racing days for a specific thoroughbred meet, and allows that written agreement to satisfy the racing day requirements of present law.
2. Add a contingent effective date which makes proposed law become effective upon a final and non-appealable class action settlement agreement being approved by a court.
3. Make technical changes.