

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 812

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUSTIN MILLER AND SENATOR FOIL

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 4:214.1, relative to horse racing facilities; to provide for racing  
3 days; to provide for thoroughbred race meets; to provide for a contingent effective  
4 date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 4:214.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §214.1. Minimum live racing dates; offtrack and other authorized wagering

8 A. An association shall not be licensed to conduct offtrack or other  
9 authorized wagering in the state unless it conducts live horse racing for not less than  
10 one hundred thirty racing days within each fifty-two week period at the facility  
11 designated in its license. Of the required one hundred thirty racing days, not less  
12 than eighty-four days shall be thoroughbred horse racing days conducted during  
13 twenty-one consecutive weeks and not less than forty-six days shall be quarter horse  
14 racing days conducted during twelve consecutive weeks. The foregoing minimum  
15 racing requirements are mandatory unless the association is prevented from live  
16 racing as a result of a natural disaster, an act of God, force majeure, a catastrophe,  
17 or such other occurrence over which the association has no control. When a  
18 pari-mutuel wagering facility and a related offtrack betting facility are sold, the  
19 purchaser shall conduct the minimum number of live racing days, including the  
20 minimum quarter horse racing days, required by this Section as a condition of  
21 operating the offtrack betting facility.

1           B. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at any facility  
2           subject to the provisions of R.S. 27:372.1(A), ~~such~~ the facility shall maintain a  
3           minimum of eighty thoroughbred horse racing days conducted during twenty  
4           consecutive weeks and not less than ~~ten~~ fifteen days of quarter horse racing  
5           conducted during ~~three~~ five consecutive weeks. The racing days provided for in this  
6           Subsection shall be conducted within a fifty-two week period. The foregoing  
7           minimum racing requirements are mandatory unless the association is prevented  
8           from live racing as a result of a natural disaster, an act of God, force majeure, a  
9           catastrophe, or such other occurrence over which the association has no control.  
10          When a pari-mutuel wagering facility and a related offtrack betting facility are sold,  
11          the purchaser shall conduct the minimum number of live racing days, including the  
12          minimum quarter horse racing days, required by this Section as a condition of  
13          operating the offtrack betting facility.

14          Section 2. This Act shall become effective if and when the Class Action Settlement  
15          Agreement in the lawsuit Soileau v. Churchill Downs La. Horseracing Co., Parish of  
16          Orleans, Civil District Court, Division G, No. 2014-3873, is approved by the Court and  
17          becomes final and non-appealable. Contingent upon this approval, as confirmed by a final  
18          and non-appealable judgment, any amounts of purses from net video draw poker device  
19          revenue collected but not yet distributed on the date the amended statute is made effective  
20          shall be allocated and distributed according to the amended statute, using the same formula  
21          provided therein.

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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