

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing 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.

Existing 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.

Existing law mandates the minimum racing requirements unless the association is prevented from live racing as a result of any of the following:

- (1) Natural disaster.
- (2) An act of God.
- (3) Force majeure.
- (4) A catastrophe.
- (5) An occurrence over which the association has no control.

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

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

Prior law required any facility subject to the provisions of existing law to maintain not fewer than 10 days of quarter horse racing conducted during three consecutive weeks.

New law requires the facility to maintain not fewer than 15 days of quarter horse racing conducted during five consecutive weeks.

Effective upon final and non-appealable approval by the Court of the Class Action Settlement Agreement in the lawsuit Soileau v. Churchill Downs La. Horseracing Co., Parish of Orleans, Civil District Court, Division G, No. 2014-3873. Contingent upon this approval, as confirmed by a final and non-appealable judgment, any amounts of purses from net video draw poker device revenue collected but not yet distributed on the date the new law is made effective shall be allocated and distributed according to the new law, using the same formula provided therein.

(Amends R.S. 4:214.1)