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SB 204 Engrossed

2021 Regular Session

Cortez

Present law provides that the Louisiana State Racing Commission (LSRC) has the specific duty to set the dates during which any race meetings may be conducted in Louisiana, including dates which limit racing at particular tracks to quarter horses only.

Present law provides that on or before May first and Sept. first, after receipt of applications from the various licensed racing associations, LSRC shall convene to consider the refusal or granting of licenses to conduct the race meetings applied for.

Proposed law retains the application process for licensed race meetings, but provides that LSRC shall assign dates for all race meetings at each track and license in accordance therewith and shall set a minimum number of live races per race day. Authorizes LSRC to amend an application, or any included race dates, or assign dates different than that included in the application for any reason that it considers sufficient, making every effort to reduce conflicting or overlapping live race meeting dates for the tracks in this state.

Present law requires LSRC to place on its agenda any written request made by the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association 1993, Inc. which is submitted no later than ten business days before a properly noticed meeting of the commission. Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective July 1, 2021, and the provisions of Section 1 are applicable to race meetings held on and after October 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 4:147(1) and 158(B)(2); Repeals R.S. 4:147(7))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Changes the board's authority regarding the application from authority to set dates to authority to amend application in limited ways.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Repeal a provision of present law that requires LSRC to place on its agenda any written request made by the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association 1993, Inc. which is submitted no later than ten business days before a properly noticed meeting of the commission.
2. Replace an illustrative list of circumstances which authorize LSRC to amend an application with a requirement that LSRC make every effort to reduce conflicting or overlapping live race meeting dates.
3. Provide that only provisions of Section 1 of proposed law shall apply to race meetings held on or after October 1, 2021.
4. Make technical changes.