

SENATE BILL NO. 204

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:147(1) and 158(B)(2) and to repeal R.S. 4:147(7), relative to horse racing; to require the Louisiana State Racing Commission to assign dates for race meetings at a particular track; to require the commission to set the minimum number of races per day; to provide relative to the authority of the commission regarding applications for race meetings and agendas; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 4:147(1) and 158(B)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§147. Specific duties of commission

The commission shall carry out the provisions of this Part, including the following specific duties:

(1)~~(a)~~ **(a)** To ~~set~~ **assign** the dates ~~during which any~~ race meetings may be conducted in this state **at a particular track**, including dates which limit racing at **a particular tracks track** for quarter horses only, provided that:

~~(a)(i)~~ **(i)** It shall prohibit the conducting of any thoroughbred race meetings having the same or overlapping dates for such race meetings at thoroughbred race tracks within a radius of one hundred miles of each other; and

~~(b)(ii)~~ **(ii)** It shall prohibit the conducting of any exclusively quarter horse race meetings having the same or overlapping dates for such race meetings at any other exclusively quarter horse track within a radius of one hundred miles of each other. ~~However, nothing herein shall prevent presently licensed and existing tracks from conducting quarter horse races with any exclusive quarter horse track having the same or overlapping dates for race meetings.~~

1 (b) To set the minimum number of live races required per race day at a
2 particular track.

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4 §158. License to operate a horse racing track; license to conduct race meetings

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8 (2)(a) On or before the first of May and the first of September of each year,
9 after receipt of the applications the commission shall convene to consider ~~the refusal~~
10 ~~or granting of any~~ licenses to conduct race meetings ~~applied for~~. The commission
11 shall assign dates for all race meetings in the state at each track and license in
12 accordance therewith and shall set the minimum number of live races required
13 per race day.

14 (b) The commission may amend an application, or any included race
15 dates, or assign different dates than those included in the application for any
16 reason that it considers sufficient, making every effort to reduce conflicting or
17 overlapping live race meeting dates for the tracks in this state.

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19 Section 2. R.S. 4:147(7) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

20 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2021, and the provisions of
21 Section 1 of this Act shall apply to race meetings held on and after October 1, 2021.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____