

July 1, 2021

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Clay J. Schexnayder
Speaker of the House
Louisiana House of Representatives
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RE: Veto of House Bill 365 of the 2021 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Schexnayder:

Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 365 of the 2021 Regular Session.

As originally introduced, House Bill 365 sought to require one of the three owner-members of the Louisiana State Racing Commission to be from the Louisiana quarter horse industry. The bill in its final form, however, additionally requires a percentage of the net commission on wagers on historical horse races made at offtrack wagering facilities to be distributed to supplement live horse racing purses. The bill allocates the money proportionately based on the number of race days each association conducted in the preceding year, creating an inequitable distribution.

Sincerely,

John Bel Edwards
Governor

cc: Honorable Patrick Page Cortez
Louisiana Senate President