
 DIGEST

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SB 314 Engrossed

2022 Regular Session

Cortez

Present law provides for historical horse racing.

Proposed law makes technical changes.

Present law provides that the La. Racing Commission (commission) has the authority to prescribe rules and regulations for the conduct of all horse races for which there is wagering. Present law gives the commission the authority to prescribe special rules and regulations for thoroughbreds and quarter horses. Present law requires the commission to make rules to govern pari-mutuel wagering, whether on live or historical horse races.

Present law provides that only licensees of the commission may conduct pari-mutuel wagering and such wagering is restricted to a space with the race meeting grounds or an offtrack wagering facility.

Proposed law changes present law by clarifying that the commission is the sole entity that regulates the location of such wagering and the location can be any space within the race meeting grounds or an offtrack wagering facility as determined by the commission.

Present law requires monies designated for purses from the commissions on wagers generated by historical horse racing machines (HHR) at offtrack wagering facilities (OTBs) operated by the association at the eligible facility in Orleans Parish count toward the \$1,000,000 cap as approved in the Soileau v. Churchill Downs settlement.

Proposed law prohibits monies designated for purses from the commissions on wagers generated by HHR at OTBs operated by the association at the eligible facility in Orleans Parish count toward the \$1,000,000 cap as approved in the Soileau v. Churchill Downs settlement.

(Amends R.S. 4:149 and 217(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Prohibits purse supplements generated by HHR revenue from counting toward the \$1,000,000 cap as approved in the Soileau v. Churchill Downs settlement.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Clarifies that the La. Racing Commission is the sole entity that regulates the placement of historical horse racing machines within race meeting grounds or offtrack wagering facilities.
2. Deletes provisions of proposed law relative to the geographic location, licensing, and operation of offtrack wagering facilities.
3. Deletes the emergency effective date.