

2023 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 144

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

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

HORSE RACING. Provides relative to horse racing. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 4:147(1)(a) and 147(1)(b) and R.S. 27:361(B)(4) and 435(D)(4), relative to horse racing; to provide for the minimum number of live horse racing dates; to provide for the minimum number of live races required per race day; to provide for payment of franchise fees from certain slot machine proceeds to support pari-mutuel wagering facilities; to provide for contributions from certain video draw poker devices proceeds to the support of pari-mutuel wagering facilities; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 4:147(1)(a) and 147(1)(b) 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) To assign the dates race meetings may be conducted in this state at a **any** particular track, including dates which limit racing at a particular track for quarter horses only, provided that:

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

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Section 2. R.S. 27:361(B)(4) and 435(D)(4) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§361. Conduct of slot machine gaming; temporary conduct

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B. As a condition of licensing and to maintain continued authority for the conduct of slot machine gaming at the licensed eligible facility, the owner of the licensed eligible facility shall:

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(4) Contribute to the support of pari-mutuel wagering facilities in the state at large and the horse breeding industry by paying annually from the annual net slot machine proceeds received from slot machine gaming operations at the licensed **facility that is** eligible facility as provided in this Paragraph:

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§435. Licensing by division; fees; franchise payments; enforcement activities

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(4) Of the amount attributable to the payment of franchise fees as required in this Section, an amount equal to the avails of one-half of one percent of the franchise fee rate shall be allocated as provided in R.S. ~~27:437~~ **27:437(C)** and appropriated by the legislature as provided in R.S. ~~27:439~~ **27:439(B)**.

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Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

1 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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DIGEST

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Present law provides for the specific duty of the Louisiana State Racing Commission (LSRC) to assign the dates race meetings are authorized to be conducted in this state at a particular track, including dates which limit racing at a particular track for quarter horses only.

Proposed law makes technical changes.

Present law provides for the specific duty of the LSRC to set the minimum number of live races per race day at a particular track.

Proposed law makes technical changes.

Present law, regarding slot machine gaming at race tracks, requires that, as a condition of licensing for the conduct of slot machine gaming at race tracks, the owner of the race track shall contribute to the support of pari-mutuel wagering facilities and the horse breeding industry. Provides that the contribution be in the form of a fixed percentage of net slot machine proceeds received from slot machine gaming operations at the race track.

Proposed law makes technical changes.

Present law, regarding video draw poker gaming, provides for franchise fees to be paid by the device owner in an amount equal to a percentage of the net device revenue derived from the operation of each video draw poker device. The amount of the percentage is based on the type of licensed establishment. Provides that .5% of the avails shall be allocated to the La. State Racing Commission for purse supplements and support of certain horsemen's associations.

Proposed law makes technical changes.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 4:147(1)(a)(intro para) and 147(1)(b) and R.S. 27:361(B)(4) and 435(D)(4))