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Present law prohibits an association from being licensed to conduct offtrack or other authorized wagering unless it conducts live horse racing for not less than 130 racing days within each 52-week period at the facility (race track) designated in its license.

Present law requires that of the required 130 racing days, not less than 84 days be thoroughbred horse racing days conducted during 21 consecutive weeks and not less than 46 days be quarter horse racing days conducted during 12 consecutive weeks.

Proposed law reduces the minimum race season from 130 to 122 days and the minimum race days for thoroughbreds from 84 to 76.

Present law prohibits the eligible facility (race track) located in Orleans Parish from being licensed to conduct offtrack or other authorized wagering, including slot machines, unless it conducts live horse racing for a minimum of 80 thoroughbred horse racing days conducted during 20 consecutive weeks and not less than 15 days of quarter horse racing conducted during five consecutive weeks.

Proposed law reduces the minimum race days for thoroughbreds from 80 to 76.

Present law provides that the minimum racing requirements are mandatory unless the association (race track) is prevented from live racing as a result of a natural disaster, an act of God, force majeure, a catastrophe, or such other occurrence over which the association has no control.

Present law provides that when a pari-mutuel wagering facility (race track) and a related offtrack betting facility are sold, the purchaser is required to conduct the minimum number of live racing days, including the minimum quarter horse racing days, required by present law as a condition of operating the offtrack betting facility.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 4:214.1)