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Proposed law authorizes the LSRC to reduce the number of race days by up to 21 upon a showing by the race track and the HBPA that the reduction would be in the best interests of the industry.

Proposed law provides that if the race track and the HBPA cannot reach an agreement pursuant to proposed law, the LSRC may, by a two-thirds vote of the membership, reduce the number of race days by up to 21 upon a showing by the race track that without the reduction of race days the association would experience imminent financial distress.

Proposed law requires the LSRC to examine all financial records of the race track and any relevant financial records of any affiliates for the purpose of determining equitable cost allocation. Proposed law requires any examination of financial records remain confidential. Proposed law requires the LSRC to release a summary of relevant facts, with any proprietary information or trade secrets remaining confidential.

Present law authorizes the LSRC to collect a license fee not to exceed 4% of the total amount wagered at each offtrack wagering facility (OTB) on historic horse racing (HHR) machines to cover administrative costs.

Proposed law reduces the fee on HHR machines to 1 & ½% to be distributed as follows:

1. 67% to the LSRC.
2. 14% to the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association for promotion of the appropriate breeding industry and for breeder awards.
3. 7% to the Louisiana Quarterhorse Breeders Association for promotion of the appropriate breeding industry and for breeder awards.
4. 6% to the local governing authority where the OTBs are located.
5. 6% to the local law enforcement agency with primary jurisdiction where the OTBs are located.

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. Provides that 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) and (3), 214.1, and 218.1 and R.S. 27:361(B)(4) and 435(D)(4))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Adds provision that prohibits, to the extent possible, the conducting of any thoroughbred race meetings having the same or overlapping dates for such race meetings at thoroughbred race tracks within the state.
3. Adds provision that prohibits, to the extent possible, the conducting of any quarter horse race meetings having the same or overlapping dates for such race meetings at quarter horse race tracks within the state.
4. Reduces the number of thoroughbred racing days from not less than 84 to not less than 60, nor more than 70 at each race track.
5. Reduces the number of quarter horse racing days from not less than 46 to not less than 40, nor more than 46 at each race track.

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

#### Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Changes the required number of live horse racing days a race track must operate in order to conduct offtrack or other authorized wagering from not less than 130 days to not less than 122 days.
2. Changes the required number of live thoroughbred horse racing days a race track must operate in order to conduct offtrack or other authorized wagering from not less than 84 days to not less than 76 days.

3. Adds requirement that the LSRC make an annual report to the governor and the legislature regarding the race calendar, field size, the number of races, handle, attendance, the effect of overlapping race days compared to previous years, and any other relevant matters along with any recommendations to improve the racing industry in the state.
4. Adds provision that if the race track and the HBPA cannot reach an agreement pursuant to proposed law, the LSRC may, by a two-thirds vote of the membership, reduce the number of race days by up to 21 upon a showing by the race track that without the reduction of race days the association would experience imminent financial distress.
5. Reduces the fee on HHR machines to 1 & ½% to be distributed as follows:
  - (a) 67% to the LSRC.
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  - (d) 6% to the local governing authority where the OTBs are located.
  - (e) 6% to the local law enforcement agency with primary jurisdiction where the OTBs are located.