

Assembly Bill No. 413

CHAPTER 65

An act to amend Sections 19605.7 and 19605.71 of, and to add Section 19617.75 to, the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

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Existing law requires that the total percentage deducted from wagers at satellite wagering facilities in the northern, central, and southern zones be the same as deductions for wagers at the racetrack where the racing meeting is being conducted and amounts deducted are to be distributed as specified.

This bill would provide that for quarter horse meetings of 0.5% of the total amount handled by satellite wagering facility on races run in California shall be distributed to a specified organization for the promotion of the program at satellite wagering facilities, 0.5% of the total amount handled by each satellite wagering facility on out-of-state and out-of-country imported races shall be distributed to the official quarter horse registering agency, as specified, and 0.5% of the total amount handled by each satellite wagering facility on all races shall be distributed according to a written agreement for each race meeting between the licensed racing association and the organization representing the horseman participating in the meeting. In addition, in the case of quarter horses in the central and southern zones, this bill would require that 0.4% be deposited with the official registering agency, as defined, to be distributed as specified.

This bill would also state various findings and declarations regarding an annual California-bred Horses Championship races program and declare that it is the intent of the Legislature that in addition to the awards, premiums, and payments provided for as specified, the official registering agency for quarter horses shall establish a separate, segregated account for the deposit of funds distributed to it. Moneys in this fund would be used to supplement purses in the annual California-bred Quarter Horse Championship races, to be established pursuant to regulation of the California Horse Racing Board.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.



The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 19605.7 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

19605.7. The total percentage deducted from wagers at satellite wagering facilities in the northern zone shall be the same as the deductions for wagers at the racetrack where the racing meeting is being conducted and shall be distributed as set forth in this section. Amounts deducted under this section shall be distributed as follows:

(a) For thoroughbred meetings, 1.3 percent of the amount handled by the satellite wagering facility on conventional and exotic wagers shall be distributed to the racing association for payment to the state as a license fee, 2 percent shall be distributed to the satellite wagering facility as a commission for the right to do business, as a franchise, and this commission is not for the use of any real property, 2.5 percent or the amount of actual operating expenses, as determined by the board, whichever is less, shall be distributed to an organization described in Section 19608.2, and 0.54 percent shall be deposited with the official registering agency pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 19617.2 and shall thereafter be distributed in accordance with subdivisions (b), (c) and (d) of Section 19617.2, and 0.033 percent distributed to the Center for Equine Health and 0.067 percent distributed to the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California at Davis. It is the intent of the Legislature that the 0.033 percent of funds distributed to the Center for Equine Health shall supplement, and not supplant, other funding sources.

(b) For harness, quarter horse, Appaloosa, Arabian, or mixed breed meetings, 0.4 percent of the amount handled by the satellite wagering facility on conventional and exotic wagers shall be distributed to the racing association for payment to the state as a license fee, for fair meetings, 1 percent of the amount handled by the satellite wagering facility on conventional and exotic wagers shall be distributed to the fair association for payment to the state as a license fee, 2 percent shall be distributed to the satellite wagering facility as a commission for the right to do business, as a franchise, and this commission is not for the use of any real property, and 6 percent of the amount handled by the satellite wagering facility or the amount of actual operating expenses, as determined by the board, whichever is less, shall be distributed to an organization described in Section 19608.2. In addition, in the case of quarter horses, 0.4 percent shall be deposited with the official registering agency pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 19617.7 and shall thereafter be distributed in accordance with subdivisions (c), (d), and (e) of Section 19617.7; in the case of Appaloosas, 0.4 percent shall be



deposited with the official registering agency pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 19617.9 and shall thereafter be distributed in accordance with subdivisions (c), (d), and (e) of Section 19617.9; in the case of Arabians, 0.4 percent shall be held by the association to be deposited with the official registering agency pursuant to Section 19617.8, and shall thereafter be distributed in accordance with Section 19617.8; in the case of standardbreds, 0.4 percent shall be distributed for the California Standardbred Sires Stakes Program pursuant to Section 19619; in the case of thoroughbreds, 0.48 percent shall be deposited with the official registering agency pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 19617.2 and shall thereafter be distributed in accordance with subdivisions (b), (c), and (d) of Section 19617.2; and 0.033 percent shall be distributed to the Center for Equine Health and 0.067 percent shall be distributed to the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California at Davis. It is the intent of the Legislature that the 0.033 percent of funds distributed to the Center for Equine Health shall supplement, and not supplant, other funding sources.

(c) In addition to the distributions specified in subdivision (a) and (b), for mixed breed meetings, 1 percent of the total amount handled by each satellite wagering facility shall be distributed to an organization described in Section 19608.2 for promotion of the program at satellite wagering facilities. For harness meetings, 0.5 percent of the total amount handled by each satellite wagering facility shall be distributed to an organization described in Section 19608.2 for the promotion of the program at satellite wagering facilities, and 0.5 percent of the total amount handled by each satellite wagering facility shall be distributed according to a written agreement for each race meeting between the licensed racing association and the organization representing the horsemen participating in the meeting. For quarter horse meetings 0.5 percent of the total amount handled by satellite wagering facility on races run in California shall be distributed to an organization described in Section 19608.2 for the promotion of the program at satellite wagering facilities, 0.5 percent of the total amount handled by each satellite wagering facility on out-of-state and out-of-country imported races shall be distributed to the official quarter horse registering agency for the purposes of Section 19617.75, and 0.5 percent of the total amount handled by each satellite wagering facility on all races shall be distributed according to a written agreement for each race meeting between the licensed racing association and the organization representing the horseman participating in the meeting.

(d) Additionally, for thoroughbred, harness, quarter horse, mixed breed, and fair meetings, 0.33 percent of the total amount handled by



each satellite wagering facility shall be paid to the city or county in which the satellite wagering facility is located pursuant to Section 19610.3 or 19610.4.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a racing association is responsible for the payment of the state license fee as required by this section.

SEC. 2. Section 19605.71 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

19605.71. The total percentage deducted from wagers at satellite wagering facilities in the central and southern zone shall be the same as the percentage deducted from wagers at the racetrack where the racing meeting is being conducted and shall be distributed as set forth in this section. Amounts deducted by a satellite wagering facility under this section shall be distributed as follows:

(a) For thoroughbred meetings, 2 percent of the amount handled by the satellite wagering facility on conventional and exotic wagers shall be distributed to the racing association for payment to the state as a license fee, 2 percent shall be distributed to the satellite wagering facility as a commission for the right to do business, as a franchise, and this commission is not for the use of any real property, 2.5 percent or the amount of actual operating expenses, as determined by the board, whichever is less, shall be distributed to an organization described in Section 19608.2, and 0.54 percent shall be deposited with the official registering agency pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 19617.2 and shall thereafter be distributed in accordance with subdivisions (b), (c), and (d) of Section 19617.2, and 0.033 percent shall be distributed to the Center for Equine Health and 0.067 percent shall be distributed to the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California at Davis. It is the intent of the Legislature that the 0.033 percent of funds distributed to the Center for Equine Health shall supplement, and not supplant, other funding sources.

(b) For harness, quarter horse, Appaloosa, Arabian, or mixed breed meetings, 0.4 percent of the amount handled by the satellite wagering facility on conventional and exotic wagers shall be distributed to the racing association for payment to the state as a license fee, for fair meetings, 1 percent of the amount handled by the satellite wagering facility on conventional and exotic wagers shall be distributed to the racing association for payment to the state as a license fee, 2 percent shall be distributed to the satellite wagering facility as a commission for the right to do business, as a franchise, and this commission is not for the use of any real property, and 6 percent of the amount handled by the satellite wagering facility or the amount of actual operating expenses, as



determined by the board, whichever is less, distributed to an organization described in Section 19608.2. In addition, in the case of quarter horses, 0.4 percent shall be deposited with the official registering agency pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 19617.7 and shall thereafter be distributed in accordance with subdivisions (c), (d), and (e) of Section 19617.7; in the case of Appaloosas, 0.4 percent shall be deposited with the official registering agency pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 19617.9 and shall thereafter be distributed in accordance with subdivisions (c), (d), and (e) of Section 19617.9; in the case of Arabians, 0.4 percent shall be held by the association to be deposited with the official registering agency, pursuant to Section 19617.8, and thereafter shall be distributed in accordance with Section 19617.8; in the case of standardbreds, 0.4 percent shall be distributed for the California Standardbred Sires Stakes Program pursuant to Section 19619; in the case of thoroughbreds, 0.48 percent shall be deposited with the official registering agency pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 19617.2 and shall thereafter be distributed in accordance with subdivisions (b), (c), and (d) of Section 19617.2; and 0.033 percent shall be distributed to the Center for Equine Health and 0.067 percent shall be distributed to the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California at Davis. It is the intent of the Legislature that the 0.033 percent of funds distributed to the Center for Equine Health shall supplement, and not supplant, other funding sources.

(c) In addition, for Appaloosa and mixed breed meetings, 1 percent shall be distributed to an organization described in Section 19608.2 for promotion of the program at satellite wagering facilities. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on wagers made in the Counties of Orange and Los Angeles on thoroughbred races conducted in the County of Orange or Los Angeles, or both, excluding the 50th District Agricultural Association, the amount deducted for promotion of the satellite wagering program at satellite wagering facilities shall be 0.5 percent. Any of the promotion funds that are not distributed in the year in which they are collected may be distributed in the following year. If promotion funds distributed in any year exceed the amount collected for that year, the funds distributed in the following year shall be reduced by the excess amount. For harness meetings, 0.5 percent of the total amount handled by each satellite wagering facility shall be distributed to an organization described in Section 19608.2 for the promotion of the program at satellite wagering facilities, and 0.5 percent of the total amount handled by each satellite wagering facility shall be distributed according to a written agreement for each race meeting between the licensed racing association and the organization representing the



horsemen participating in the meeting. For quarter horse meetings 0.5 percent of the total amount handled by satellite wagering facility on races run in California shall be distributed to an organization described in Section 19608.2 for the promotion of the program at satellite wagering facilities, 0.5 percent of the total amount handled by each satellite wagering facility on out-of-state and out-of-country imported races shall be distributed to the official quarter horse registering agency for the purposes of Section 19617.75, and 0.5 percent of the total amount handled by each satellite wagering facility on all races shall be distributed according to a written agreement for each race meeting between the licensed racing association and the organization representing the horseman participating in the meeting.

(d) Additionally, for thoroughbred, harness, quarter horse, mixed breed, and fair meetings, 0.33 percent of the total amount handled by the satellite wagering facility shall be paid to the city or county in which the satellite wagering facility is located pursuant to Section 19610.3 or 19610.4.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a racing association is responsible for the payment of the state license fee as required by this section.

SEC. 3. Section 19617.75 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

19617.75. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the breeding and ownership of quarter horses for racing is an industry that has proven to be beneficial to the welfare of the state's economic growth. The Legislature further finds and declares that an annual California-bred Quarter Horses Championship races program will further expand and improve the quality of mares bred to California stallions and promote ownership of quality breeding stock in the State of California, which thereby will establish a foundation for expanded investment in this great industry.

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that in addition to the awards, premiums, and payments provided for in Section 19617.7, the official registering agency for quarter horses shall establish a separate, segregated account for the deposit of funds distributed to it pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 19605.7 and subdivision (c) of Section 19605.71. Moneys in this fund shall be used to supplement purses in the annual California-bred Quarter Horse Championship races, to be established pursuant to regulation of the California Horse Racing Board. The distribution of these purse moneys among these races shall be made pursuant to mutual agreement between the quarter horse association and the registering agency. On June 1 of each year, the official registering agency shall provide the board with an annual report accounting for the



current and projected balance of this separate fund. Furthermore, it is the intent of the Legislature that the authorization for this fund be retroactive from June 1, 2000, so as to enable the running of the 2001 California-bred Quarter Horse Championship races.

SEC. 4. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to enable the California Horse Racing Board to authorize and provide for the establishment of the California-bred Quarter Horse Championship races for the 2001 quarter horse meeting, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

