

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 672

Introduced by Assembly Member Strom-Martin

February 22, 2001

An act to amend Section 19601.2 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 672, as introduced, Strom-Martin. Horse racing.

Existing law provides that when the San Mateo County Fair and the Humboldt County Fair simultaneously conduct race meetings, the San Mateo County Fair is authorized to distribute the signal and accept wagers on out-of-zone, out-of-state, and out-of-country races if it complies with specified conditions. Under existing law, for the period in which both fairs are conducting race meetings, the San Mateo County Fair is required to give to the Humboldt County Fair .75 percent of the license fees generated from the out-of-zone, out-of-state, and out-of-country handle. Existing law requires the San Mateo County Fair to distribute the remaining amount of the license fees in a specified manner.

This bill would provide that while any fair or thoroughbred association conducts a race meeting at the same time that the Humboldt County Fair conducts a race meeting, the fair or thoroughbred association has the rights and duties currently imposed on the San Mateo County Fair in that circumstance.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 19601.2 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:
3 19601.2. (a) During calendar periods when the San Mateo
4 County Fair, *or other fair or thoroughbred association*, and the
5 Humboldt County Fair—~~both~~ *simultaneously* conduct race
6 meetings, the San Mateo County Fair, *or other fair or*
7 *thoroughbred association*, shall be the association authorized to
8 distribute the signal and accept wagers on out-of-zone,
9 out-of-state, and out-of-country races if it complies with the
10 conditions specified in subdivision (a) of Section 19601. The
11 amounts deducted from these wagers shall be distributed as
12 provided in Section 19601, and license fees on races conducted by
13 the Humboldt County Fair and on out-of-zone, out-of-state, or
14 out-of-country races shall be as specified in subdivision (h) of
15 Section 19601. Additionally, from, and to the extent of, license
16 fees generated from the total handle of the San Mateo County Fair,
17 *or other fair or thoroughbred association*, during the overlap, the
18 San Mateo County Fair, *or other fair or thoroughbred association*,
19 shall distribute to the Humboldt County Fair, not less than seven
20 days after the close of the racing meeting, an amount equal to 0.75
21 percent of the out-of-zone, out-of-state, and out-of-country
22 handle. From the amount remaining, if any, 50 percent shall be
23 retained by the San Mateo County Fair to be distributed equally as
24 commissions and purses, and 50 percent shall be paid to the state
25 as a license fee.
26 (b) During calendar periods when the Fresno District Fair and
27 any thoroughbred association in the northern zone both conduct
28 race meetings, the thoroughbred association shall be the
29 association authorized to distribute the signal and accept wagers
30 on out-of-zone, out-of-state, and out-of-country races, if it
31 complies with the conditions specified in subdivision (a) of
32 Section 19601. The amounts deducted from these wagers shall be
33 distributed as provided in Section 19601, and license fees on races
34 conducted by the Fresno District Fair and on out-of-zone,
35 out-of-state, or out-of-country races shall be as specified in
36 subdivision (h) of Section 19601. Additionally, from, and to the
37 extent of, license fees generated from the total handle of the
38 thoroughbred association during the overlap, the thoroughbred



1 association shall distribute to the Fresno District Fair, not less than
2 seven days after the close of the racing meeting, an amount equal
3 to 0.75 percent of the out-of-zone, out-of-state, and out-of-country
4 handle. From the amount remaining, if any, 50 percent shall be
5 retained by the thoroughbred association to be distributed equally
6 as commissions and purses, and 50 percent shall be paid to the state
7 as a license fee.

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