

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 2, 2008

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2205**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Garrick**

February 20, 2008

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An act to ~~amend Section 19549 of~~ *add Section 19531.2 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2205, as amended, Garrick. Horse racing: racing ~~days~~; *weeks*: *22nd District Agricultural Association.*

*Existing law generally creates district agricultural associations, which are state institutions.*

Existing law, the Horse Racing Law, generally regulates horse racing and vests the administration and enforcement of the Horse Racing Law in the California Horse Racing Board. *Existing law requires the board to make allocations of racing weeks as it deems appropriate and specifies the maximum number of racing weeks that may be allocated for horse racing other than at fairs, including, for thoroughbred racing, a maximum of 44 weeks per year in the northern zone, 42 weeks per year in the central zone, and 7 weeks per year in the southern zone.*

~~Existing law permits the board to allocate up to 14 racing days to a fair each year, with specified exceptions, and provides that these 14 days shall be during the period in which general fair activities are conducted.~~

~~This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision permit the board to authorize the 22nd District Agricultural Association to use allocations of racing weeks from the central zone and conduct thoroughbred racing throughout the year, whether or not~~

*those racing days coincide with an annual fair, so long as the aggregate racing weeks conducted in the southern and central zones do not exceed the total aggregate racing weeks allocated, as specified.*

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

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

1 *SECTION 1. Section 19531.2 is added to the Business and*  
2 *Professions Code, to read:*

3 *19531.2. Notwithstanding Section 19531 and any other*  
4 *provision of law, the board may authorize the 22nd District*  
5 *Agricultural Association to use allocations of racing weeks from*  
6 *the central zone and conduct thoroughbred racing throughout the*  
7 *year, whether or not those racing days coincide with an annual*  
8 *fair, so long as the aggregate racing weeks conducted in the*  
9 *southern and central zones do not exceed the total aggregate racing*  
10 *weeks allocated pursuant to Section 19531.*

11 ~~SECTION 1. Section 19549 of the Business and Professions~~  
12 ~~Code is amended to read:~~

13 ~~19549. Except as provided in Section 19549.1, the maximum~~  
14 ~~number of racing days which may be allocated to a fair shall be~~  
15 ~~14 days each year. Those racing days shall be days during the~~  
16 ~~period in which general fair activities are conducted. However,~~  
17 ~~any fair racing association that conducted racing in the central or~~  
18 ~~southern zone prior to January 1, 1980, shall be entitled to be~~  
19 ~~allocated up to three weeks of racing. The board shall take public~~  
20 ~~testimony and make all determinations on the allocation of racing~~  
21 ~~dates during a public hearing. All discussions of allocating racing~~  
22 ~~dates by the board or its subcommittees shall be conducted during~~  
23 ~~a public hearing. Nothing in this section diminishes the authority~~  
24 ~~of the board to establish racing dates.~~

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