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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2205

Introduced by Assembly Member Garrick

February 20, 2008

An act to 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 weeks: ~~22nd District Agricultural Association~~. *allocations*.

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.

This bill would, in the event a venue used for thoroughbred racing by an association licensed to conduct thoroughbred racing in the central zone in 2008 is not available for racing in 2009 or thereafter, ~~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 authorize the board to allocate the dates formerly allocated to that venue to other associations or fairs that conducted licensed race meetings in 2008 in the southern or central zone in accordance with specified requirements, including, among others, that a certain agreed upon plan of allocation be submitted annually to the board and that 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: 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, in the event a venue used for thoroughbred racing~~
 5 ~~by an association licensed to conduct thoroughbred racing in the~~
 6 ~~central zone in 2008 is not available for racing in 2009 or thereafter,~~
 7 ~~the board may authorize the 22nd District Agricultural Association~~
 8 ~~to use allocations of racing weeks from the central zone and~~
 9 ~~conduct thoroughbred racing throughout the year, whether or not~~
 10 ~~those racing days coincide with an annual fair, so long as the~~
 11 ~~aggregate racing weeks conducted in the southern and central zones~~
 12 ~~do not exceed the total aggregate racing weeks allocated pursuant~~
 13 ~~to Section 19531.~~

14 *19531.2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the*
 15 *event a venue used for thoroughbred racing by an association*
 16 *licensed to conduct thoroughbred racing in the central zone in*
 17 *2008 is not available for racing in 2009 or thereafter, the dates*
 18 *formerly allocated to that venue shall be available for allocation*
 19 *to other associations or fairs, and those associations and fairs that*
 20 *conducted licensed race meetings in 2008 in the southern or central*
 21 *zone may conduct additional racing using an allocation of those*
 22 *unused dates from the central zone in accordance with all of the*
 23 *following:*

24 *(a) Absent its consent to accept a lesser allocation, an*
 25 *association or fair that conducted licensed race meetings in 2008*
 26 *in the southern or central zone shall be entitled to an allocation*

1 *of not less than the dates allocated to it during 2007 or 2008,*
2 *whichever is greater.*

3 *(b) An association or fair continuing to conduct racing in 2009*
4 *and beyond, together with the organization representing*
5 *thoroughbred horsemen, shall annually, on a date set by the board,*
6 *submit an agreed upon plan of allocation that the board may adopt.*
7 *In the event an agreed upon plan of allocation is not presented to*
8 *the board in any year, the board shall determine the appropriate*
9 *allocation for the year following.*

10 *(c) The aggregate allocation of racing weeks conducted in the*
11 *southern and central zones shall not exceed the total aggregate*
12 *racing weeks permitted to be run in the southern and central zones*
13 *by Section 19531.*

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