

Assembly Bill No. 2205

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day
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Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

An act to add Section 19532.1 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 2205, Garrick. Horse racing: racing weeks: allocations.

The Horse Racing Law generally regulates horse racing and vests the administration and enforcement of its provisions 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 authorize the board, if a venue used for thoroughbred racing by an association or racing fair licensed to conduct thoroughbred racing in the central zone in 2008 is not available for racing in 2009 or thereafter, to allocate the dates formerly allocated to that venue to licensed associations or racing fairs in the southern or central zone. The bill would provide that, upon allocation of dates pursuant to these provisions, no association or racing fair licensed to conduct thoroughbred racing in the southern or central zones may receive more than 25 weeks of thoroughbred racing in the combined southern and central zones. The bill would prohibit the aggregate allocation of racing weeks conducted in the southern and central zones from exceeding the total aggregate racing weeks permitted to be run in those zones, as specified.

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

SECTION 1. Section 19532.1 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

19532.1. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, excluding venues under construction for the purpose of expanded year-round stabling and training for thoroughbred race horses, if

a venue used for thoroughbred racing by an association or racing fair licensed to conduct thoroughbred racing in the central zone in 2008 is not available for racing in 2009 or thereafter, the dates formerly allocated to that venue shall be available for allocation by the board to licensed associations or racing fairs in the southern or central zone.

(b) Upon allocation of dates pursuant to this section, no association or racing fair licensed to conduct thoroughbred racing in the southern or central zones may receive more than 25 weeks of thoroughbred racing when aggregated among the combined southern and central zones.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) and (b), the aggregate allocation of racing weeks conducted in the southern and central zones shall not exceed the total aggregate racing weeks permitted to be run in the southern and central zones by Section 19531.

Approved _____, 2008

Governor