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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2258

Introduced by Assembly Member Evans

February 21, 2008

An act to amend Section 19616.51 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2258, as amended, Evans. Horse racing: license fees: shortfalls: pro rata assessment.

Existing law, the Horse Racing Law, provides that if the total amount paid to the state by racing associations and fairs is less than \$40,000,000 in any calendar year, all associations and fairs that conducted live racing during the year of the shortfall are required to remit certain amounts, on a pro rata basis according to the amount handled in-state by each association or fair, in order to attain that \$40,000,000 total.

This bill would make clarifying and technical changes to this provision specify instead that if the total amount paid to the state as license fees by racing associations and fairs is less than \$40,000,000 in any calendar year, all associations and fairs that conducted live racing during the year of the shortfall shall remit to the state, on a pro rata basis according to the amount paid as license fees by each association or fair, the amount necessary to bring the total amount paid to the state as license fees to \$40,000,000.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 19616.51 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

3 19616.51. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the 4 total amount paid to the state as license fees by racing associations 5 and fairs pursuant to this chapter is less than forty million dollars 6 (\$40,000,000) in any calendar year, beginning January 1, 2001, and thereafter, all associations and fairs that conducted live racing 8 during the year of the shortfall shall remit to the state, on a pro rata basis according to the total amount handled in-state amount 10 paid as license fees by each association or fair, the amount 11 necessary to bring the total amount paid to the state as license fees to forty million dollars (\$40,000,000). The amounts due under this 12 13 section, if any, shall be paid from the amount available for 14 commissions, purses, and breeder awards, and shall be paid to the 15 board prior to March 1 of the year following the year of the 16 shortfall.