

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 3074**

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**Introduced by Committee on Governmental Organization (Torrice  
(Chair), Charles Calderon, Davis, De Leon, Evans, Jeffries,  
Levine, Mendoza, Portantino, Price, Soto, and Tran)**

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An act to amend Section 19596 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 3074, as introduced, Committee on Governmental Organization. Horse racing.

Existing law provides that the California Horse Racing Board may authorize a California harness racing association conducting a live racing meeting to accept wagers on the full card of races conducted by another racing association on the day that other association conducts the Breeder's Crown Stakes, the Meadowlands Pace, the Hambletonian, or the North American Cup.

This bill would authorize the board to permit a California harness racing association conducting a live racing meeting to accept wagers on the full card of races conducted by another racing association on the day that other association conducts the Kentucky Futurity.

Under existing law, all revenues distributed to the state as license fees from horse racing are required to be deposited in the Fair and Exposition Fund and are continuously appropriated to the Department of Food and Agriculture for various regulatory and general governmental purposes.

This bill would authorize additional wagering, and would increase correspondingly the amount of continuously appropriated license fees,

thereby making an appropriation. This bill would also result in a change in state taxes for the purpose of increasing state revenues within the meaning of Section 3 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, thereby requiring a 2/3 vote for passage.

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 19596 of the Business and Professions  
2 Code is amended to read:

3 19596. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
4 board may do any of the following:

5 (1) Authorize a licensed harness racing association that is  
6 conducting a live racing meeting in this state to accept wagers on  
7 the full card of races conducted by another racing association on  
8 the day that other association conducts the Breeder’s Crown Stakes,  
9 the Meadowlands Pace, the Hambletonian, *Kentucky Futurity*, or  
10 the North American Cup.

11 (2) Authorize a licensed quarter horse racing association that is  
12 conducting a live racing meeting in this state to accept wagers on  
13 races conducted by the racing association that conducts the  
14 American Quarter Horse Racing Challenge, if the races are  
15 conducted on the same day as the American Quarter Horse Racing  
16 Challenge.

17 (3) Authorize the inclusion of wagers authorized pursuant to  
18 this section in the parimutuel pools of the out-of-state association  
19 that conducts the races on which the wagers are placed.

20 (b) The board authorization may be granted under this section  
21 only if both of the following conditions are met:

22 (1) The authorization complies with federal laws, including, but  
23 not limited to, Chapter 57 (commencing with Section 3001) of  
24 Title 15 of the United States Code.

25 (2) Wagering is offered only within the racing enclosure and  
26 only within seven days of the running of the out-of-state race.