

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 25, 2010

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2201**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Coto**

February 18, 2010

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An act to ~~amend Section 19576 of~~ *add Section 19549.8* to the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2201, as amended, Coto. Horse racing: ~~audio or video recording.~~ *harness racing: California Exposition and State Fair.*

*Existing law provides that the California Horse Racing Board shall have the authority to allocate racing weeks and provides that the maximum number of racing weeks that may be allocated for harness racing, other than at fairs, in the northern zone is 25 weeks per year. Existing law also provides that the maximum number of racing weeks that may be allocated to a fair shall be 4 weeks each year, except as provided, including that the board may allocate additional weeks of harness racing to the California Exposition and State Fair in Sacramento or its lessee, to be raced at that fair.*

*This bill would provide that in the event the California Exposition and State Fair in Sacramento is not available for harness racing, or chooses not to conduct harness racing, in any given year, then 52 weeks of harness racing shall be available that year to any racing venue in the northern zone, subject to allocation by the board.*

~~Existing law prohibits a person from furnishing to another person, and from using, an audio or video recording of any quarter horse race occurring in this state for any commercial purpose without permission from the racing association conducting the meeting, the organization~~

~~representing horsemen and horsewomen participating in the meeting, and the California Horse Racing Board.~~

~~This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.~~

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 19549.8 is added to the Business and~~  
2     ~~Professions Code, to read:~~

3     ~~19549.8. In the event the California Exposition and State Fair~~  
4     ~~in Sacramento is not available for harness racing, or chooses not~~  
5     ~~to conduct harness racing, in any given year, then 52 weeks of~~  
6     ~~harness racing shall be available that year to any racing venue in~~  
7     ~~the northern zone, subject to allocation by the board.~~

8     ~~SECTION 1. Section 19576 of the Business and Professions~~  
9     ~~Code is amended to read:~~

10    ~~19576. (a) No person may furnish an audio or video recording~~  
11    ~~of a quarter horse race occurring in this state to any other person~~  
12    ~~either within or outside of the state for any commercial purpose,~~  
13    ~~including the use of the recording in any type of video game,~~  
14    ~~without first securing the consent of the racing association~~  
15    ~~conducting the meeting, the organization representing horsemen~~  
16    ~~and horsewomen participating in the meeting, and the board.~~

17    ~~(b) No person may use any audio or video recording of a quarter~~  
18    ~~horse race occurring in this state for any commercial purpose~~  
19    ~~without first securing the consent of the racing association holding~~  
20    ~~the meeting, the organization representing horsemen and~~  
21    ~~horsewomen participating in the meeting, and the board.~~

22    ~~(c) Any person whose consent is required under this section~~  
23    ~~may file and maintain an action in superior court to obtain an~~  
24    ~~injunction against the furnishing or commercial use of a recording~~  
25    ~~of a quarter horse race in violation of this section.~~