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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 ~~add Section 19549.8 to~~ amend Section 19596 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2201, as amended, Coto. Horse racing: harness racing: ~~California Exposition and State Fair. the Cane Pace.~~

*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, Kentucky Futurity, 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 Cane Pace. The bill would also make technical, nonsubstantive changes.*

~~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.

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 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~~ *Breeders'*  
9     Crown Stakes, the Meadowlands Pace, the Hambletonian, *the Cane*  
10    *Pace, the Kentucky Futurity, or 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.

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.~~

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