

**Introduced by Senator Denham**

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An act to amend Section 19596.3 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 899, as introduced, Denham. Horse racing: satellite wagering: out-of-country thoroughbred races.

Existing law authorizes a thoroughbred racing association or fair to distribute the audiovisual signal and accept wagers on the results of out-of-country thoroughbred races during the calendar period the association or fair is conducting a race meeting, without the consent of the participating horsemen's organization. These imported races are subject to specified conditions, including the condition that the total number of out-of-country thoroughbred races on which wagers are allowed to be accepted statewide in any given year does not exceed the total number of out-of-country thoroughbred races on which wagers were accepted in 1998.

This bill would delete that condition that limits the total number of out-of-country thoroughbred races on which wagers are allowed to be accepted statewide in any given year.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 19596.3 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:

1 19596.3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a  
 2 thoroughbred racing association or fair may distribute the  
 3 audiovisual signal and accept wagers on the results of  
 4 out-of-country thoroughbred races during the calendar period the  
 5 association or fair is conducting a race meeting, without the consent  
 6 of the organization that represents horsemen participating in the  
 7 race meeting. Out-of-country races shall be imported under the  
 8 following conditions:

9 (a) A thoroughbred association or fair shall conduct the wagering  
 10 in accordance with the applicable provisions of Sections 19601,  
 11 19616, 19616.1, and 19616.2.

12 ~~(b) The total number of out-of-country thoroughbred races on  
 13 which wagers are allowed to be accepted statewide in any given  
 14 year shall not exceed the total number of out-of-country  
 15 thoroughbred races on which wagers were accepted in 1998.~~

16 ~~(e)~~

17 (b) No thoroughbred association or fair may accept wagers  
 18 pursuant to this section on out-of-country races commencing after  
 19 5:30 p.m., Pacific standard time, without the consent of the harness  
 20 or quarter horse racing association that is then conducting a live  
 21 racing meeting.

22 ~~(d)~~

23 (c) A thoroughbred racing association or fair distributing the  
 24 audiovisual signal and accepting wagers on the results of  
 25 out-of-country races pursuant to this section may execute an  
 26 agreement with an association that conducts thoroughbred races  
 27 in the southern zone to allow that association to distribute the signal  
 28 and accept wagers on the results of out-of-country thoroughbred  
 29 races, except that the license fees paid to the state shall be double  
 30 the amount paid by a quarter horse racing association specified in  
 31 subdivision (b) of Section 19605.7.