

Senate Bill No. 899

CHAPTER 279

An act to amend Section 19596.3 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 899, 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.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

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

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

19596.3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a thoroughbred racing association or fair may 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 organization that represents horsemen participating in the race meeting. Out-of-country races shall be imported under the following conditions:

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

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

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

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to allow thoroughbred racing associations or fairs to import more out-of-country thoroughbred races this year, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.