

Introduced by Senator BerryhillFebruary 24, 2012

An act to amend Section 19549.1 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1418, as introduced, Berryhill. Horse racing: mixed breed meetings.

Existing law, the Horse Racing Law, vests jurisdiction and supervision over horse racing meetings where wagering is held or conducted on the results of those races in the California Horse Racing Board. Existing law authorizes the board to allocate racing weeks to an applicant and to specify the racing days, dates, and hours for horse racing meetings as will be in the public interest and will serve the purposes of the law. Existing law limits the allocation of dates for mixed breed meetings and combined fair horse racing meetings to between June 1 and October 31. Existing law prohibits the allocation of days for a mixed breed meeting or a combined fair horse racing meeting during the month of June at the California Exposition and State Fair if a standardbred meeting is being conducted at that facility during that month. Existing law also requires that the mixed breed meetings be conducted by an entity other than the California Exposition and State Fair as specified, and that the meeting encourage the racing of emerging breeds of horses.

This bill would authorize combined fair horse racing meetings throughout the year. The bill would delete the prohibition against the allocation of days for a mixed breed meeting or a combined fair horse racing meeting during the month of June at the California Exposition and State Fair if a standardbred meeting is being conducted at that facility during that month. The bill would also delete the requirement

that the mixed breed meetings be conducted by an entity other than the California Exposition and State Fair, as specified, and that the mixed breed meetings encourage the racing of emerging breeds of horses.

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 19549.1 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:

3 19549.1. Notwithstanding Sections 19533 and 19549 or any
4 other provision of this chapter, the board may allocate horse racing
5 days for mixed breed meetings and combined fair horse racing
6 meetings pursuant to Section 4058 of the Food and Agricultural
7 Code, except as follows: *Code.*

8 (a) ~~Dates may only be allocated for a combined fair horse racing~~
9 ~~meeting between June 1 and October 31.~~

10 (b) ~~Days may not be allocated for a mixed breed meeting or a~~
11 ~~combined fair horse racing meeting during the month of June at~~
12 ~~the California Exposition and State Fair if a standardbred meeting~~
13 ~~is being conducted at that facility during the month of June.~~

14 The mixed breed meetings shall be conducted by a person other
15 than the fair and shall be subject to Section 19550. The mixed
16 breed meetings shall encourage the racing of emerging breeds of
17 horses.