

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1295

Introduced by Assembly Member Gray

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Section 19596.2 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1295, as introduced, Gray. Horse racing: out-of-state thoroughbred races: limitation exception.

The Horse Racing Law authorizes a thoroughbred racing association or fair to distribute the audiovisual signal and accept wagers on the results of out-of-state thoroughbred races conducted in the United States during the calendar period the association or fair is conducting a race meeting, including days on which there is no live racing being conducted by the association or fair, without the consent of the organization that represents horsemen and horsewomen participating in the race meeting and without regard to the amount of purses. Under that law, the total number of thoroughbred races imported by associations or fairs on a statewide basis under these provisions are required to not exceed 50 per day on days when live thoroughbred or fair racing is being conducted in the state, with the exception of prescribed races, including races imported into the combined central and southern zones when there is no live thoroughbred or fair racing being conducted in the combined central and southern zones.

This bill would additionally provide that the limitation of 50 imported races per day does not apply to races imported into the combined central and southern zones when there is live thoroughbred or fair racing being

conducted in those zones but no live thoroughbred or fair racing is being conducted in the northern zone.

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 19596.2 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:

3 19596.2. (a) Notwithstanding any other law and except as
4 provided in Section 19596.4, a thoroughbred racing association
5 or fair may distribute the audiovisual signal and accept wagers on
6 the results of out-of-state thoroughbred races conducted in the
7 United States during the calendar period the association or fair is
8 conducting a race meeting, including days on which there is no
9 live racing being conducted by the association or fair, without the
10 consent of the organization that represents horsemen and
11 horsewomen participating in the race meeting and without regard
12 to the amount of purses. Further, the total number of thoroughbred
13 races imported by associations or fairs on a statewide basis under
14 this section shall not exceed 50 per day on days when live
15 thoroughbred or fair racing is being conducted in the state. The
16 limitation of 50 imported races per day does not apply to any of
17 the following:

18 (1) Races imported for wagering purposes pursuant to
19 subdivision (c).

20 (2) Races imported that are part of the race card of the Kentucky
21 Derby, the Kentucky Oaks, the Preakness Stakes, the Belmont
22 Stakes, the Jockey Club Gold Cup, the Travers Stakes, the
23 Arlington Million, the Breeders' Cup, the Dubai Cup, the Arkansas
24 Derby, the Apple Blossom Handicap, or the Haskell Invitational.

25 (3) Races imported into the northern zone when there is no live
26 thoroughbred or fair racing being conducted in the northern zone.

27 (4) Races imported into the combined central and southern zones
28 when there is no live thoroughbred or fair racing being conducted
29 in the combined central and southern zones.

30 (5) *Races imported into the combined central and southern
31 zones when there is live thoroughbred or fair racing being
32 conducted in those zones but no live thoroughbred or fair racing
33 is being conducted in the northern zone.*

1 (b) Any thoroughbred association or fair accepting wagers
2 pursuant to subdivision (a) shall conduct the wagering in
3 accordance with the applicable provisions of Sections 19601,
4 19616, 19616.1, and 19616.2.

5 (c) No thoroughbred association or fair may accept wagers
6 pursuant to this section on out-of-state races commencing after 7
7 p.m., Pacific standard time, without the consent of the harness or
8 quarter horse racing association that is then conducting a live racing
9 meeting in Orange or Sacramento Counties.

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