

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1786

Introduced by Assembly Member Cooley

February 4, 2016

An act to amend Section 19619 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1786, as introduced, Cooley. Horse racing: the California Standardbred Sires Stakes Program.

(1) The Horse Racing Law establishes the California Standardbred Sires Stakes Program for standardbred horses bred in California, and provides that an offspring of a registered California standardbred stallion standing in California during an entire breeding season is eligible to race in the program.

This bill would expand eligibility to race in the program to include the offspring of registered standardbred stallions standing in Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, or Maine, or the Province of Alberta, Canada.

(2) The Horse Racing Law requires the California Horse Racing Board to set a schedule of races for the program in accordance with specified requirements, including, among other things, that races be scheduled by the California Standardbred Sires Stakes Committee, at its discretion, for two-year-old and three-year-old trotters, as specified, and that two- and three-year-old races be divided into colt and filly divisions.

This bill would instead require that races be scheduled for two-year-old or three-year-old trotters and would delete the requirement that two- and three-year-old races be divided into colt and filly divisions.

(3) The Horse Racing Law also establishes the manner of dividing the purse in California standardbred sires stakes races, and sets forth the percentages to be allocated for horses placing in the race based on the number of participating starters in a race.

This bill would establish the percentages to be allocated for horses finishing in first through fifth place, inclusive, regardless of the number of starters in the race.

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 19619 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:

3 19619. (a) Since the purpose of this chapter is to encourage
4 agriculture and the breeding of horses in this state, a California
5 Standardbred Sires Stakes Program is hereby established for
6 standardbred horses bred in the State of California.

7 (b) Horses eligible to race in the California Standardbred Sires
8 Stakes Program shall be the offspring of ~~any a~~ registered California
9 standardbred stallion standing in California during an entire
10 breeding ~~season~~ *season, or the offspring of a registered*
11 *standardbred stallion standing in Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota,*
12 *Michigan, or Maine, or the Province of Alberta, Canada.*

13 (c) (1) Responsibility for the California Standardbred Sires
14 Stakes Program is with the board. Administration of the California
15 Standardbred Sires Stakes Program is the responsibility of the
16 California Standardbred Sires Stakes Committee. The committee
17 shall consist of five members and one alternate selected from and
18 by the California Harness ~~Horse Owners and Breeders~~ *Horsemen's*
19 Association.

20 (2) Administrative expenses of the committee in any given year
21 shall not exceed 4 percent of that year's income to the California
22 Standardbred Sires Stakes Program, and all expenses shall be
23 approved by the board.

24 (d) The board may do all that is necessary to ensure that the
25 California Standardbred Sires Stakes Program is appropriately
26 administered and shall prepare, issue, and adopt rules and
27 regulations providing for all of the following:

1 (1) Classes and divisions of races, eligibility of horses and
2 owners therefor, and prizes and awards to be awarded.

3 (2) Nominating, sustaining, and entry fees for horses and races.

4 (3) Registration and certification of California stallions, mares
5 bred to those stallions, and foals produced thereby.

6 (4) Any other matter that is considered to be necessary and
7 appropriate for the proper administration and implementation of
8 the California Standardbred Sires Stakes Program.

9 (e) The funds for the California Standardbred Sires Stakes
10 Program made available pursuant to Section 19491.7 and the
11 nominating, sustaining, and entry fees provided for in this section
12 shall be deposited with the California Standardbred Sires Stakes
13 Committee. The committee shall distribute the funds deposited
14 with it in accordance with this section for the purposes of the
15 program in the manner approved by the board.

16 (f) Pursuant to Section 19491.7, the breakage used to fund the
17 California Standardbred Sires Stakes Program and to increase
18 purses shall be divided in accordance with the following criteria:

	California Standardbred Sires Stakes Program	Purses
19		
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22	1977.....	10% 90%
23	1978.....	20% 80%
24	1979.....	25% 75%
25	1980.....	50% 50%
26	January 1 to June 30, 1981.....	75% 25%
27	July 1, 1981, and thereafter.....	100% 0%

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29 (g) An amount equal to 10 percent of the total purses raced for
30 in the California sires stakes races shall be awarded to the
31 standardbred breeders of the horses that earned purse money in
32 the California standardbred sires stakes races in proportion to the
33 amount of purse money earned by each horse.

34 (h) An amount equal to 2 percent of the total purses raced for
35 in the California sires stakes races shall be awarded to the owners
36 of the registered California standardbred stallions that sired horses
37 that earned purse money in the California standardbred sires stakes
38 races in proportion to the amount of purse money earned by each
39 horse so sired.

1 (i) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), the board may establish a
2 series of races for two-year-old and three-year-old fillies that are
3 wholly owned by a California resident on the first day of January
4 of the year that they become two years old and are wholly owned
5 by a California resident on the day of the race.

6 (j) The balance of the remaining funds, including nominating,
7 sustaining, and entry fees, and after the expenditures described in
8 subdivisions (e), (g), (h), and (i) have been made, shall be allocated
9 to purses for races comprising the California Standardbred Sires
10 Stakes Program.

11 (k) The schedule of races that shall comprise the California
12 Standardbred Sires Stakes Program during each year shall be set
13 by the board in accordance with the following criteria:

14 (1) California standardbred sires stakes races shall be scheduled
15 for two-year-old ~~and~~ or three-year-old trotters and two-year-old
16 and three-year-old pacers at the discretion of the California
17 Standardbred Sires Stakes Committee, except that no two-year-old
18 races shall be held ~~prior to~~ before the first day of June of any year.
19 Races for four-year-old or aged trotters and four-year-old or aged
20 pacers may also be scheduled.

21 ~~(2) Two- and three-year-old races shall be divided into colt and~~
22 ~~filly divisions.~~

23 ~~(3)~~
24 (2) Base purses for each set of races conducted during any given
25 year at any race meeting shall be determined by the committee.
26 ~~As used in this section, a set of races means one final race for each~~
27 ~~eligible age, sex, and gait, as scheduled by the committee.~~

28 ~~(4)~~

29 (3) In each division of each race in the California standardbred
30 sires stakes races, the purse shall be divided in the following
31 manner:

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33	—(i) Five or more starters	
34	1st	50%
35	2nd	25%
36	3rd	12%
37	4th	8%
38	5th	5%
39	—(ii) Four starters	
40	1st	55%

1	— 2nd	-25%
2	— 3rd	-12%
3	— 4th	-8%
4	— (iii) Three starters	
5	— 1st	-55%
6	— 2nd	-30%
7	— 3rd	-15%
8	— (iv) Two starters	
9	— 1st	-65%
10	— 2nd	-35%
11	— (v) One starter	
12	— 1st	100%
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