

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2619**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Gray**

February 19, 2016

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An act to amend Section 19596 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2619, as introduced, Gray. Horse racing: quarter horse races.

Existing law establishes the California Horse Racing Board, and gives that board specified duties, including authorizing a licensed quarter horse racing association that is conducting a live racing meeting in this state to accept wagers on specified races, including the American Quarter Horse Racing Challenge.

This bill would authorize the board to authorize a licensed quarter horse racing association that is conducting a live racing meeting in this state to accept wagers on a quarter horse stakes race with a purse equal to or greater than \$100,000. The bill would also make nonsubstantive changes.

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 19596 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 19596. (a) Notwithstanding any other ~~provision of~~ law, the
- 4 board may do any of the following:

(1) Authorize a licensed harness racing association that is conducting a live racing meeting in this state to accept wagers on the full card of races conducted by another racing association on the day that other association conducts the Breeders' Crown Stakes, the Meadowlands Pace, the Hambletonian, the Cane Pace, the Kentucky Futurity, or the North American Cup.

(2) Authorize a licensed quarter horse racing association that is conducting a live racing meeting in this state to accept wagers on ~~either~~ any of the following:

(A) Races conducted by the racing association that conducts the American Quarter Horse Racing Challenge, if the races are conducted on the same day as the American Quarter Horse Racing Challenge.

(B) The full card of races conducted by another racing association on the day that other association conducts the Texas Classic Futurity and Remington Park Futurity.

(C) *A quarter horse stakes race with a purse equal to or greater than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).*

(3) Authorize the inclusion of wagers authorized pursuant to this section in the parimutuel pools of the out-of-state association that conducts the races on which the wagers are placed.

(b) The board authorization may be granted under this section only if both of the following conditions are met:

(1) The authorization complies with federal laws, including, but not limited to, ~~Chapter 57 (commencing with Section 3001) of Title 15 of the United States Code~~ *the Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978 (15 U.S.C. Sec. 3001 et seq).*

(2) Wagering is offered only within the racing enclosure and only within seven days of the running of the out-of-state race.