

Introduced by Senator Rosenthal

February 28, 1997

An act to amend Section 19596 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horseracing, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1144, as introduced, Rosenthal. Satellite wagering: out-of-state races.

(1) Existing law permits the California Horse Racing Board to authorize an association conducting a racing meeting in this state to accept wagers on the results of certain out-of-state feature races and certain stakes races.

This bill would permit the board to additionally authorize a harness racing association in this state to accept wagers on races conducted by the racing association that conducts the Breeder's Crown Stakes, if the race is conducted on the same day as the Breeder's Crown Stakes and if the association in this state that accepts those wagers is then conducting a live racing meeting.

(2) Under existing law, all revenues distributed to the state as license fees from horseracing are required to be deposited in the Fair and Exposition Fund and are continuously appropriated to the Department of Food and Agriculture for various regulatory and general governmental purposes.

This bill would authorize additional wagering, and would increase the amount of continuously appropriated license fees, thereby making an appropriation. This bill would also result in a change in state taxes for the purpose of increasing

state revenues within the meaning of Section 3 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, and thus would require for passage the approval of 2/3 of the membership of each house of the Legislature.

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: yes. 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
2 Professions Code is amended to read:

3 19596. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of
4 law, the board may do any of the following:

5 (1) Authorize an association conducting a racing
6 meeting in this state to accept wagers on the results of
7 out-of-state feature races having a gross purse of at least
8 fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) during the period the
9 association is conducting the racing meeting on days
10 when live races are being run.

11 (2) Authorize an association in this state to accept
12 wagers on any stakes race conducted by the racing
13 association that conducts the Kentucky Derby, the
14 Preakness Stakes, or the Belmont Stakes, if the stakes race
15 is conducted on the same day as the Kentucky Derby, the
16 Preakness Stakes, or the Belmont Stakes, and if the
17 association in this state that accepts those wagers is then
18 conducting a live racing meeting.

19 (3) *Authorize a harness racing association in this state*
20 *to accept wagers on races conducted by the racing*
21 *association that conducts the Breeder’s Crown Stakes, if*
22 *the race is conducted on the same day as the Breeder’s*
23 *Crown Stakes and if the association in this state that*
24 *accepts those wagers is then conducting a live racing*
25 *meeting.*

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



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

4 (1) The authorization complies with federal laws,
5 including, but not limited to, Chapter 57 (commencing
6 with Section 3001) of Title 15 of the United States Code.

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

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