

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 493

Introduced by Assembly Member Floyd

February 18, 1999

An act to amend Sections 19403.5, 19410.8, 19415.8, and 19533 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 493, as introduced, Floyd. Horse racing: barrel, show jumping, and steeplechase racing.

(1) Existing law authorizes the California State Fair, county fairs, and district agricultural association fairs to provide a program of mixed breed racing that includes, regardless of breed, steeplechase, barrel, and show jumping races, with parimutuel wagering authorized thereupon. Existing law also defines steeplechase, barrel, and show jumping races, and requires these races to be conducted in accordance with the rules and requirements of specified respective national associations.

This bill would instead provide that these races may be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the respective national associations.

(2) Existing law generally requires that any license granted to an association other than a fair shall be for only a single type of racing, except that the board may authorize the participation of thoroughbred and Appaloosa horses in quarter horse races subject to specified conditions. Existing law also provides that any association licensed to conduct

quarter horse racing may apply to the board for, and be granted, the authority to conduct thoroughbred racing as part of its racing program, provided that specified conditions are met, including a requirement that the quarter horse association conducting thoroughbred racing shall pay to a quarter horse horsemen’s organization an amount not to exceed 3% of the amount deducted for purses, for the payment of administrative expenses and services rendered to horsemen.

This bill would provide that notwithstanding any other provision of law, any association conducting steeplechase, barrel, and show jumping racing shall pay to the quarter horse horsemen’s organization an amount not to exceed 3% of the amount deducted for purses, for the purpose of representing the horsemen and horsewomen conducting these races.

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 19403.5 of the Business and
2 Professions Code is amended to read:

3 19403.5. “Barrel race” means a ~~horserace~~ *horse race*
4 around a course with three barrels placed in a triangular
5 pattern which ~~conforms~~ *may conform* to the
6 requirements of the Women’s Professional Rodeo
7 Association. Two barrel ~~race~~ *courses* *race courses* may be
8 run simultaneously in the form of a heat.

9 SEC. 2. Section 19410.8 of the Business and
10 Professions Code is amended to read:

11 19410.8. “Show jumping race” means a ~~horserace~~
12 *horse race*, over obstacles made of artificial or natural
13 material, which is shorter than a steeplechase course, and
14 is run by horses for time with faults converted to time.
15 Requirements and rules for a show jumping race ~~shall~~
16 *may conform* to the requirements and rules of the
17 American Horse Shows Association.

18 SEC. 3. Section 19415.8 of the Business and
19 Professions Code is amended to read:



1 19415.8. “Steeplechase race” means a ~~horserace~~ *horse*
2 *race* over obstacles made of natural or artificial material
3 and includes both hurdle and timber races. Rules for a
4 steeplechase race ~~shall~~ *may* conform to rules of the
5 National Steeplechase and Hunt Association.

6 SEC. 4. Section 19533 of the Business and Professions
7 Code is amended to read:

8 19533. (a) Any license granted to an association other
9 than a fair shall be only for one type of racing,
10 thoroughbred, harness, or quarter horse racing as the case
11 may be, except that the board may authorize the entering
12 of thoroughbred and Appaloosa horses in quarter horse
13 races at a distance not exceeding five furlongs at quarter
14 horse meetings, mixed breed meetings, and fair
15 meetings. If the board authorizes the entering of
16 thoroughbred or Appaloosa horses in quarter horse races,
17 the following conditions shall be met:

18 (1) Any race written for participation by quarter
19 horses, Appaloosas, and thoroughbreds shall be written as
20 quarter horse preferred.

21 (2) The number of races written as quarter horse
22 preferred at a distance exceeding 870 yards shall not
23 exceed more than three races per program without the
24 consent of the quarter horse horsemen’s organization
25 contracting with the association.

26 (3) More than one-half of the races on any program
27 shall be for quarter horses at a distance not to exceed 550
28 yards, unless the consent of the quarter horse horsemen’s
29 organization is received.

30 (4) Mixed races with Appaloosa and quarter horses
31 may only be written with the consent of the quarter horse
32 horsemen’s organization contracting with the association.

33 (b) The association that conducts the meeting shall
34 pay to a thoroughbred trainers’ organization an amount
35 for a pension plan for backstretch personnel to be
36 administered by that trainers’ organization equivalent to
37 1 percent of the amount available to thoroughbred horses
38 for purses. The remainder of the portion shall be
39 distributed as purses. Any redistributable money paid to
40 the board pursuant to Section 19641, which is paid to a



1 welfare fund established by a horsemen's organization
2 from races with both thoroughbred and quarter horses,
3 shall be divided pro rata between the two welfare funds
4 based on the number of thoroughbreds and quarter
5 horses in the race.

6 (c) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
7 any association licensed to conduct quarter horse racing
8 may apply to the board for, and the board shall grant,
9 authority to conduct thoroughbred racing as part of its
10 racing program if all of the following conditions are met:

11 (A) The thoroughbred races are for a claiming price of
12 not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), and at a
13 distance of four and one-half furlongs or less. The races
14 may not be stakes, allowance races, or maiden allowance
15 races.

16 (B) More than one-half of the races on any program
17 shall be for quarter horses at a distance not to exceed 550
18 yards, unless the consent of the quarter horse horsemen's
19 organization is received.

20 (C) The consent of the quarter horse horsemen's
21 organization contracting with the association is obtained
22 with respect to the inclusion of thoroughbred racing.

23 (2) The quarter horse racing association conducting
24 thoroughbred racing pursuant to this subdivision shall
25 pay to a quarter horse horsemen's organization the
26 amount specified in subdivision (e) of Section 19613, and
27 an amount for a pension plan for backstretch personnel
28 to be administered by a thoroughbred trainers'
29 organization equivalent to 1 percent of the amount
30 available to thoroughbred horses for purses. The
31 remainder of the portion shall be distributed as purses.
32 The quarter horse racing association shall also deduct the
33 appropriate amount to comply with subdivision (a) of
34 Section 19617.2 for distribution to the thoroughbred
35 official registering agency.

36 ~~(d) This section shall become operative on January 1,~~
37 *1995 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any*
38 *association conducting barrel racing, show jumping*
39 *racing, or steeplechase racing shall pay to the quarter*
40 *horse horsemen's organization the amount specified in*



- 1 *Section 19613 for purposes of representing the horsemen*
- 2 *and horsewomen conducting these races.*

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