

Assembly Bill No. 1486

CHAPTER 218

An act to amend Section 19549 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1486, Maldonado. Horse racing: racing dates.

Existing law generally provides that, with the exception of mixed breed and combined fair racing meetings, the maximum number of racing days that may be allocated to the California Exposition and State Fair or to a county or district agricultural association or citrus fruit fair shall be 14 days each year, concurrent with the period in which general fair activities are conducted, but that any fair racing association that conducted racing in the central or southern zones prior to January 1, 1980, shall be entitled to be allocated up to 3 weeks of racing. Existing law also provides that nothing in these provisions shall diminish the authority of the California Horse Racing Board to establish racing dates.

This bill would additionally require the board to take public testimony and make all determinations on the allocation of racing dates during a public hearing. It would also require all discussions of allocating racing dates by the board or its subcommittees to be conducted during a public hearing.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 19549 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

19549. Except as provided in Section 19549.1, the maximum number of racing days that may be allocated to the California Exposition and State Fair or a county or district agricultural association fair or citrus fruit fair shall be 14 days each year. Those racing days shall be days during the period in which general fair activities are conducted. However, any fair racing association that conducted racing in the central or southern zone prior to January 1, 1980, shall be entitled to be allocated up to three weeks of racing. The board shall take public testimony and make all determinations on the allocation of racing dates during a public hearing. All discussions of allocating racing dates by the board or its subcommittees shall be



conducted during a public hearing. Nothing in this section diminishes the authority of the board to establish racing dates.

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