

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1902

Introduced by Assembly Member Vincent

February 11, 2000

An act to add Article 5.6 (commencing with Section 19527) to Chapter 4 of Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1902, as introduced, Vincent. Horse racing: interstate licensing compact.

Existing law provides that the California Horse Racing Board is responsible for the licensing of each racing association and all persons, other than the public at large, who participate in a horse race meeting with parimutuel wagering. Existing law imposes various requirements on licensees as specified, and generally requires that all licenses granted under the Horse Racing Law be in writing, and are subject to all rules, regulations, and conditions prescribed by the board. Existing law provides that all licenses granted under the Horse Racing Board are subject to suspension or revocation by the board pursuant to specified procedures and standards.

This bill would state findings and declarations of the Legislature with respect to an interstate compact proposed by the Association of Racing Commissioners International concerning the delegation of California's licensing authority with respect to specified persons and occupations in the horse racing industry to a specified interstate committee, and would authorize the California Horse Racing Board to enter into an

interstate compact meeting various standards set forth in those findings, provided that California’s participation in this compact does not result in the diminution of applicable existing standards established for licensure in California. This bill would also authorize the board to designate an individual to represent California in conjunction with the administration of the compact.

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. Article 5.6 (commencing with Section
2 19527) is added to Chapter 4 of Division 8 of the Business
3 and Professions Code, to read:

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5 Article 5.6. Interstate Compact on Horse Racing
6 Occupational Licensing
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8 19527. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
9 following:

10 (a) The Association of Racing Commissioners
11 International has promulgated a compact providing for
12 the licensure of individuals involved in the horse racing
13 industry.

14 (b) The intent of this compact is to preclude the
15 necessity of individual owners, trainers, backstretch
16 employees, and other race track personnel from having
17 to be separately licensed in each state in which they may
18 conduct business.

19 (c) This compact would provide for an individual to
20 receive licensing through one of the compacted states,
21 and thus be able to practice his or her profession in other
22 states that are members of the compact.

23 (d) The purpose of the compact is to:

24 (1) Establish uniform requirements among the party
25 states for the licensing of participants in live horse racing
26 with parimutuel wagering, and ensure that all
27 participants who are licensed pursuant to this compact



1 meet a uniform minimum standard of honesty and
2 integrity.

3 (2) Facilitate the growth of the horse racing industry
4 in each party state and nationwide by simplifying the
5 licensing process for participants in the live racing
6 industry, and reduce the duplicative and costly process of
7 separate licensing by the applicable regulatory agency in
8 each state.

9 (3) Authorize the California Horse Racing Board to
10 participate in this compact.

11 (4) Provide for participation in this compact by
12 officials of the party states, and permit those officials,
13 through the compact committee established by the
14 compact, to enter into contracts with governmental
15 agencies and nongovernmental persons and entities to
16 carry out the purposes of this compact.

17 (5) Establish the compact committee created by this
18 compact as an interstate governmental entity duly
19 authorized to request and receive criminal history record
20 information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
21 other federal law enforcement agencies, and state and
22 local law enforcement agencies.

23 19528. The California Horse Racing Board is hereby
24 authorized to enter into an interstate compact fulfilling
25 the purposes described in Section 19527, provided that
26 this state's participation in this compact does not result in
27 the diminution of applicable existing standards
28 established for licensure in California. An individual
29 designated by the California Horse Racing Board shall be
30 responsible for representing California in conjunction
31 with the administration of the compact

