

Introduced by Senator Denham

February 27, 2009

An act to amend Section 19605 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 577, as introduced, Denham. Horse racing: satellite wagering facilities.

Existing law, the Horse Racing Law, permits the California Horse Racing Board to authorize an association licensed to conduct a racing meeting also to operate a satellite wagering facility at its racetrack inclosure, under specified conditions that differ between the northern zone and the central and southern zones, and provides specific guidelines for the operation and location of these facilities.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

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 19605 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 19605. (a) Notwithstanding any other ~~provision of~~ law, the
- 4 board may authorize an association licensed to conduct a racing
- 5 meeting in the northern zone to operate a satellite wagering facility
- 6 for wagering on races conducted in the northern zone at its
- 7 racetrack inclosure subject to all of the conditions specified in
- 8 Section 19605.3, and may authorize an association licensed to

1 conduct a racing meeting in the central or southern zone to operate
2 a satellite wagering facility for wagering on races conducted in
3 the central or southern zone at its racetrack inclosure subject to
4 the conditions specified in subdivisions (a) to (e), inclusive, of
5 Section 19605.3 and the conditions and limitations set forth in
6 Section 19605.6.

7 (b) Notwithstanding any other ~~provision~~ of law, no satellite
8 wagering facility, except a facility that is located at a track where
9 live racing is conducted, shall be located within 20 miles of any
10 existing satellite wagering facility or of any track where a racing
11 association conducts a live racing meeting. However, in the
12 northern zone, a racing association or any existing satellite
13 wagering facility may waive the prohibition contained in this
14 subdivision and may consent to the location of another satellite
15 wagering facility within 20 miles of the facility or track.

16 (c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), the Department of Food
17 and Agriculture may approve not more than three satellite wagering
18 facilities that are licensed jointly to the 1a District Agricultural
19 Association and the 5th District Agricultural Association and that
20 are located on the fairgrounds of the 1a District Agricultural
21 Association or within the boundaries of the City and County of
22 San Francisco. Before a satellite wagering facility may be licensed
23 for the 1997 and subsequent calendar years under this subdivision,
24 the department shall conduct a one-year test at the proposed site
25 in order to determine the impact of the proposed facility on total
26 state parimutuel revenues and on attendance and wagering at
27 existing racetracks and fair satellite wagering facilities in the
28 Counties of Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Solano.
29 Notwithstanding Section 19605.1, a satellite wagering facility may
30 be located on property leased to one or both fairs. Notwithstanding
31 any other ~~provision~~ of law, the fairs may contract for the operation
32 and management of a satellite wagering facility with an individual
33 racing association or a partnership, joint venture, or other affiliation
34 of two or more racing associations that are licensed to conduct
35 thoroughbred meetings within the northern zone.

36 (d) Subdivision (b) shall not be construed to prohibit the location
37 of satellite wagering facilities within 20 miles of any existing or
38 proposed satellite facility established pursuant to subdivision (c).

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