

SENATE BILL NO. 231

BY SENATORS N. GAUTREAUX AND THOMPSON AND REPRESENTATIVES  
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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 4:214.1, relative to horse racing; to provide for a minimum  
3 number of live quarter horse racing dates; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 4:214.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §214.1. Minimum live racing dates; offtrack and other authorized wagering

7 A. An association shall not be licensed to conduct offtrack or other  
8 authorized wagering in the state unless it conducts live horse racing for ~~not less than~~  
9 ~~eighty racing days within a twenty week~~ **not less than one hundred thirty racing**  
10 **days within each fifty-two week** period at the facility designated in its license; ~~. Of~~  
11 **the required one hundred thirty racing days, not less than eighty-four days shall**  
12 **be thoroughbred horse racing days conducted during twenty-one consecutive**  
13 **weeks and not less than forty-six days shall be quarter horse racing days**  
14 **conducted during twelve consecutive weeks. The foregoing minimum racing**  
15 **requirements are mandatory** unless the association is prevented from live racing  
16 as a result of a natural disaster, an act of God, force majeure, a catastrophe, or such  
17 other occurrence over which the association has no control. When a pari-mutuel  
18 wagering facility and a related offtrack betting facility are sold, the purchaser shall  
19 conduct the minimum number of live racing days, including the minimum quarter  
20 horse racing days, required by this Section as a condition of operating the offtrack  
21 betting facility.

22 **B. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at any facility**  
23 **where the purse revenue derived from slot machines is limited by law to a**  
24 **certain expressly stated number of slot machines, such facility shall maintain a**

1            minimum of eighty thoroughbred horse racing days conducted during twenty  
2            consecutive weeks and not less than ten days of quarter horse racing conducted  
3            during three consecutive weeks. The racing days provided for in this Subsection  
4            shall be conducted within a fifty-two week period. The foregoing minimum  
5            racing requirements are mandatory unless the association is prevented from live  
6            racing as a result of a natural disaster, an act of God, force majeure, a  
7            catastrophe, or such other occurrence over which the association has no control.  
8            When a pari-mutuel wagering facility and a related offtrack betting facility are  
9            sold, the purchaser shall conduct the minimum number of live racing days,  
10           including the minimum quarter horse racing days, required by this Section as  
11           a condition of operating the offtrack betting facility.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_