SENATE BILL NO. 204

BY SENATORS CORTEZ AND PEACOCK

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. 4:147(1) and 158(B)(2) and to repeal R.S. 4:147(7), relative to
3	horse racing; to require the Louisiana State Racing Commission to assign dates for
4	race meetings at a particular track; to require the commission to set the minimum
5	number of races per day; to provide relative to the authority of the commission
6	regarding applications for race meetings and agendas; and to provide for related
7	matters.
8	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
9	Section 1. R.S. 4:147(1) and 158(B)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
10	as follows:
11	§147. Specific duties of commission
12	The commission shall carry out the provisions of this Part, including the
13	following specific duties:
14	(1)(a) To set assign the dates during which any race meetings may be
15	conducted in this state at a particular track, including dates which limit racing at
16	$\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ particular tracks track for quarter horses only, provided that:
17	(a)(i) It shall prohibit the conducting of any thoroughbred race meetings
18	having the same or overlapping dates for such race meetings at thoroughbred race
19	tracks within a radius of one hundred miles of each other; and
20	(b)(ii) It shall prohibit the conducting of any exclusively quarter horse race
21	meetings having the same or overlapping dates for such race meetings at any other
22	exclusively quarter horse track within a radius of one hundred miles of each other.
23	However, nothing herein shall prevent presently licensed and existing tracks from
24	conducting quarter horse races with any exclusive quarter horse track having the
25	same or overlapping dates for race meetings.

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2	particular track.
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4	§158. License to operate a horse racing track; license to conduct race meetings
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8	(2)(a) On or before the first of May and the first of September of each year,
9	after receipt of the applications the commission shall convene to consider the refusal
10	or granting of any licenses to conduct race meetings applied for. The commission
11	shall assign dates for all race meetings in the state at each track and license in
12	accordance therewith and shall set the minimum number of live races required
13	per race day.
14	(b) The commission may amend an application, or any included race
15	dates, or assign different dates than those included in the application for any
16	reason that it considers sufficient, making every effort to reduce conflicting or
17	overlapping live race meeting dates for the tracks in this state.
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19	Section 2. R.S. 4:147(7) is hereby repealed in its entirety.
20	Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2021, and the provisions of
21	Section 1 of this Act shall apply to race meetings held on and after October 1, 2021.
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APPROVED: