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Existing law provides for historical horse racing.

New law makes technical changes.

Existing law provides that the La. Racing Commission (commission) has the authority to prescribe rules and regulations for the conduct of all horse races for which there is wagering. Existing law gives the commission the authority to prescribe special rules and regulations for thoroughbreds and quarter horses. Existing law requires the commission to make rules to govern pari-mutuel wagering, whether on live or historical horse races.

<u>Existing law</u> provides that only licensees of the commission may conduct pari-mutuel wagering and such wagering is restricted to a space within the race meeting grounds or an offtrack wagering facility.

<u>New law</u> changes <u>existing law</u> by clarifying that the commission is the sole entity that regulates the location of such wagering and the location can be any space within the race meeting grounds or an offtrack wagering facility as determined by the commission.

<u>Prior law</u> required monies designated for purses from the commissions on wagers generated by historical horse racing machines (HHR) at offtrack wagering facilities (OTBs) operated by the association at the eligible facility in Orleans Parish count toward the \$1,000,000 cap as approved in the *Soileau v. Churchill Downs* settlement.

New law prohibits monies designated for purses from the commissions on wagers generated by HHR at OTBs operated by the association at the eligible facility in Orleans Parish count toward the \$1,000,000 cap as approved in the *Soileau v. Churchill Downs* settlement.

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(Amends R.S. 4:149 and 217(E))