

BY REPRESENTATIVE PINAC

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To suspend until sixty days after final adjournment of the 2005 First Extraordinary Session

3 of the Legislature of Louisiana the provisions of R.S. 4:214.1, relative to the

4 minimum number of live racing days.

5 WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina struck the state of Louisiana causing severe flooding

6 and damage to the southeastern part of the state that has threatened the safety and security

7 of the citizens of the affected areas of the state of Louisiana, along with private property and

8 public facilities; and

9 WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath resulted in a mandatory evacuation

10 of Orleans Parish; and

11 WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath rendered Fair Grounds Race

12 Course, which is owned and operated by Churchill Downs Louisiana Horseracing Company,

13 L.L.C., inoperable and unfit for the 2005-2006 race meeting previously set by the Louisiana

14 State Racing Commission; and

15 WHEREAS, the thoroughbred and quarter horse industries are important segments

16 of the economy of the state of Louisiana, employing thousands of citizens.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby suspends

18 the provisions of R.S. 4:214.1, which require the Fair Grounds Race Course to conduct live

19 racing, finding that Hurricane Katrina was a natural disaster and an act of God over which

20 the race course had no control thus excusing its compliance with this provision of law.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fair Grounds Race Course shall remain an
2 eligible facility for purposes of R.S. 27:351 et seq., and Churchill Downs Louisiana
3 Horseracing Company, L.L.C. shall remain a licensee for purposes of R.S. 27:351 et seq.,
4 notwithstanding its inability to conduct at least eighty live racing days within a twenty-week
5 period for its 2005-2006 race meet.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Racing Commission and the
7 Louisiana Gaming Control Board shall take such actions as are necessary to effectuate this
8 Resolution and shall not take any action inconsistent with this Resolution.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the clerk of the House of Representatives is
10 hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Louisiana State Racing
11 Commission and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this suspension shall become effective upon
13 adoption of this Resolution and shall extend through the sixtieth day after final adjournment
14 of the 2005 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument.

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HCR No. 1

Suspends R.S. 4:214.1, which requires licensed associations to conduct a minimum number of live racing days unless the association is prevented from live racing as a result of a natural disaster, until 60 days after adjournment of the 2005 First Extraordinary Session.

(Suspends R.S. 4:214.1)