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## DIGEST

Proposed law provides that whenever all or any portion of a horse race meeting can not be completed because a licensee's racing dates are to occur when the location of the racetrack is suffering a natural disaster or other emergency that would endanger the lives of those in attendance or whenever such natural disaster or other emergency causes such significant physical or structural damage to the racetrack, the commission may either award additional racing days to make up for those dates cancelled or authorize the meeting or any portion thereof to be conducted at another suitable racetrack with consent of the owner of such racetrack.

Present law provides a definition for facilities eligible for the conduct of slot machine gaming, which includes the requirement that such facilities conduct at least 80 days of live horse race meetings within a consecutive 20-week period.

Proposed law retains present law and adds provision that for the 2005-2006 racing season, eligible facility for slot machine gaming purposes shall include any facility in this state that will not be able to meet such requirements due to severe flooding and structural damage caused by hurricanes Katrina or Rita and to preserve the revenues to be received and distributed to the state and local governments at such facility.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 27:353(4); adds R.S. 4:157.2)