

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1224

BY REPRESENTATIVE THIBAUT

RACING/HORSE: Provides relative to minimum live racing dates

1 AN ACT

2 To amend R.S. 4:214.1, relative to horse racing; to provide relative to the number of dates
3 and types of horses raced at certain facilities; to provide for live racing dates; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 4:214.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 §214.1. Minimum live racing dates; offtrack and other authorized wagering

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

1 of live racing days, including the minimum quarter horse racing days, required by
2 this Section as a condition of operating the offtrack betting facility.

3 B. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at any facility
4 where the purse revenue derived from slot machines is limited by law to a certain
5 expressly stated number of slot machines, such facility shall maintain a minimum of
6 ~~eighty~~ eighty-one thoroughbred horse racing days conducted during twenty
7 consecutive weeks and not less than ~~ten~~ eleven days of quarter horse racing
8 conducted during three consecutive weeks. The racing days provided for in this
9 Subsection shall be conducted within a fifty-two week period. The foregoing
10 minimum racing requirements are mandatory unless the association is prevented
11 from live racing as a result of a natural disaster, an act of God, force majeure, a
12 catastrophe, or such other occurrence over which the association has no control.
13 When a pari-mutuel wagering facility and a related offtrack betting facility are sold,
14 the purchaser shall conduct the minimum number of live racing days, including the
15 minimum quarter horse racing days, required by this Section as a condition of
16 operating the offtrack betting facility.

DIGEST

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HB No. 1224

Abstract: Increases the number of horse racing days a certain racing facilities.

Present law provides that an association shall not be licensed to conduct offtrack or other authorized wagering in the state unless it conducts live horse racing for not less than 130 racing days within each 52 week period at the facility designated in its license.

Proposed law changes the 130 days to 132.

Present law provides that of the required 130 racing days required by present law, not less than 84 days shall be thoroughbred horse racing days conducted during 21 consecutive weeks and not less than 46 days shall be quarter horse racing days conducted during 12 consecutive weeks.

Proposed law changes the 84 thoroughbred horse racing days to 85 and the 47 quarter horse race days to 48.

Present law provides that for any facility where the purse revenue derived from slot machines is limited by law to a certain expressly stated number of slot machines, such facility shall maintain a minimum of 80 thoroughbred horse racing days conducted during 20 consecutive weeks and not less than 10 days of quarter horse racing conducted during three consecutive weeks.

Proposed law changes the minimum 80 thoroughbred horse racing days to 81 and the 10 days or quarter horse racing to 11.

(Amends R.S. 4:214.1(A) and (B))