

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1235

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RACING/TRACKS: Provides relative to horse racing facilities

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 27:361(B)(4)(b) and (c) and 438(A), relative to funds derived  
3 from gaming operations at horse racing facilities; to provide relative to proceeds  
4 derived from slot machine gaming conducted at horse racing facilities; to provide  
5 relative to proceeds derived from gaming devices at horse racing facilities; and to  
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 27:361(B)(4)(b) and 438(B) are hereby amended and reenacted to  
9 read as follows:

10 §361. Conduct of slot machine gaming; temporary conduct

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12 B. As a condition of licensing and to maintain continued authority for the  
13 conduct of slot machine gaming at the licensed eligible facility, the owner of the  
14 licensed eligible facility shall:

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16 (4) Contribute to the support of pari-mutuel wagering facilities in the state  
17 at large and the horse breeding industry by paying annually from the annual net slot  
18 machine proceeds received from slot machine gaming operations at the licensed  
19 eligible facility as provided in this Paragraph:

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1 (b) The licensed eligible facility shall pay annually a fixed percentage of ~~two~~  
2 three percent of the annual net slot machine proceeds received from slot machine  
3 gaming operations at the licensed eligible facility to the Executive Committee of the  
4 Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders' Association. The Executive Committee shall  
5 distribute such amount according to a schedule or formula and within a time period  
6 which shall be established by the committee for special breeder awards to the  
7 breeders of accredited Louisiana-bred horses.

8 (c) The licensed eligible facility shall pay annually a fixed percentage of ~~one~~  
9 three percent of the annual net slot machine proceeds received from slot machine  
10 gaming operations at the licensed eligible facility to the Executive Committee of the  
11 Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders' Association. The Executive Committee shall  
12 distribute such amount according to a schedule or formula and within a time period  
13 which shall be established by the committee for special breeders' awards to the  
14 breeders of accredited Louisiana-bred quarter horses.

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16 §438. Distribution of device revenues; particular licensed establishments; pari-  
17 mutuel wagering facilities

18 A. The owner of the licensed establishment shall pay twenty percent of the  
19 net device revenue derived from the operation of devices at that licensed  
20 establishment to be used to supplement purses for horsemen as provided in  
21 Subsection B of this Section and in addition to the four percent of the twenty percent  
22 distributed as provided in Subsection B of this Section, the owner of the licensed  
23 establishment shall pay an additional four tenths of one percent of the net device  
24 revenue derived from the operation of devices at the licensed establishment to the  
25 authorized representative of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association.  
26 Such monies shall be made available for use as purses monthly, prior to the twentieth  
27 day of the month following the month in which they are earned.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the distribution of gaming monies collected at horse racing facilities.

Present law provides that 4% of 20% of the net device revenue derived from the operation of video draw poker devices at parimutuel wagering facilities (OTBs) is paid to the authorized representative of the horsemen for the use and benefit of such persons and horsemen as medical and hospital benefits. Proposed law retains present law and provides an additional .4% of 100% of the net device revenue derived from the operation of video draw poker devices at OTBs to be paid to the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association.

Present law provides that 2% of the annual net slot machine proceeds received from slot machine gaming operations at the licensed eligible facility (slots at the track) is payable to the Executive Committee of the La. Thoroughbred Breeders Association for distribution by the committee in accordance with a schedule or formula for special breeder awards to the breeders of accredited La.-bred horses. Proposed law increases this amount from 2% to 3%.

Present law also provides that 1% of the annual net slot machine proceeds received from slot machine gaming operations at the licensed eligible facility (slots at the track) is payable directly to the Executive Committee of the La. Quarter Horse Breeders Association for distribution by the committee in accordance with a schedule or formula for special breeder awards to the breeders of accredited La.-bred quarter horses. Proposed law increases this amount from 1% to 3%.

(Amends R.S. 27:361(B)(4)(b) and (c) and 438(A))