

1 tracks within a radius of one hundred miles of each other; and

2 ~~(b)(ii)~~ It shall prohibit the conducting of any exclusively quarter horse race
3 meetings having the same or overlapping dates for such race meetings at any other
4 exclusively quarter horse track within a radius of one hundred miles of each other.
5 ~~However, nothing herein shall prevent presently licensed and existing tracks from~~
6 ~~conducting quarter horse races with any exclusive quarter horse track having the~~
7 ~~same or overlapping dates for race meetings.~~

8 **(b) To set the minimum number of live races required per race day at**
9 **a particular track.**

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11 §158. License to operate a horse racing track; license to conduct race meetings

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13 B.

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15 (2)(a) On or before the first of May and the first of September of each year,
16 after receipt of the applications the commission shall convene to consider ~~the refusal~~
17 ~~or granting of any licenses to conduct race meetings applied for.~~ **The commission**
18 **shall assign dates for all race meetings in the state at each track and license in**
19 **accordance therewith and shall set the minimum number of live races required**
20 **per race day.**

21 **(b) The commission may amend an application, or any included race**
22 **dates, or assign different dates than that included in the application for any**
23 **reason that it considers sufficient, including but not limited to the following:**

24 **(i) Reducing and adding to the number of race days specified in the**
25 **application by up to ten percent.**

26 **(ii) Making every effort to reduce conflicting or overlapping live race**
27 **meeting dates for the tracks in this state.**

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29 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2021, and shall apply to race

1 meetings held on and after October 1, 2021.

The original instrument was prepared by Dawn Romero Watson. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Alan Miller.

DIGEST

SB 204 Engrossed

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Present law provides that the Louisiana State Racing Commission (LSRC) has the specific duty to set the dates during which any race meetings may be conducted in Louisiana, including dates which limit racing at particular tracks to quarter horses only.

Present law provides that on or before May first and Sept. first, after receipt of applications from the various licensed racing associations, LSRC shall convene to consider the refusal or granting of licenses to conduct the race meetings applied for.

Proposed law retains the application process for licensed race meetings, but provides that LSRC shall assign dates for all race meetings at each track and license in accordance therewith and shall set a minimum number of live races per race day. Authorizes LSRC to amend an application, or any included race dates, or assign dates different than that included in the application for any reason that it considers sufficient, including but not limited to the following:

- (1) Reducing and adding to the number of race days specified in the application by up to ten percent.
- (2) Making every effort to reduce conflicting or overlapping live race meeting dates for the tracks in this state.

Effective July 1, 2021, and applicable to race meetings held on and after October 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 4:147(1) and 158(B)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Changes the board's authority regarding the application from authority to set dates to authority to amend application in limited ways.