

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

HB 365

2021 Regular Session

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Present law establishes the commission, requires the commission be composed of 13 members, and provides various criteria for the members. Proposed law would have retained present law.

Present law requires three members of the commission to be owners of racehorses which participate in any race licensed by the commission. Proposed law would have retained present law.

Proposed law would have required that one of the three owner-members be from the Louisiana quarter horse industry.

Proposed law would have required certain monies from wagers placed at offtrack wagering facilities on historical horse races to be distributed as follows:

- (1) 70% allocated and provided to the licensed racing associations in the state which conduct live horse racing on the basis of the proportion of the number of thoroughbred race days each association conducted for the preceding year bears to the total number of thoroughbred race days conducted statewide for the preceding year, and such funds shall be used solely to supplement purses in accordance with a schedule or formula established by the purse committee of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association on Louisiana-bred thoroughbred races.
- (2) 30% allocated and provided to the licensed racing associations in the state which conduct live quarter horse racing on the basis of the proportion of the number of quarter horse race days each association conducted for the preceding year bears to the total number of quarter horse race days conducted statewide for the preceding year, and such funds shall be used solely to supplement purses in accordance with a schedule or formula established by the purse committee of the Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders Association on Louisiana-bred quarter horse races.

Certain provisions of proposed law would have superseded certain provisions of proposed law of the Act which originated as Senate Bill 209 of the 2021 Regular Session.

(Proposed to amend R.S. 4:144(B)(2)(b); Proposed to add R.S. 4:217(E))

### **VETO MESSAGE:**

"Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 365 of the 2021 Regular Session.

As originally introduced, House Bill 365 sought to require one of the three owner-members of the Louisiana State Racing Commission to be from the Louisiana quarter horse industry. The bill in its final form, however, additionally requires a percentage of the net commission on wagers on historical horse races made at offtrack wagering facilities to be distributed to supplement live horse racing purses. The bill allocates the money proportionately based on the number of race days each association conducted in the preceding year, creating an inequitable distribution."