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Present law provides for specific duties of the Louisiana State Racing Commission (LSRC).

Present law provides that one duty is for the LSRC to make rules and regulations providing for minimum full-time and seasonal employment requirements including but not limited to food services, marketing, pari-mutuel windows, and kiosk repair staffing in order for the association or licensee to conduct race meets at a particular track.

Proposed law changes the present law duty to provide for rule making for full-time and seasonal employment recommendations for pari-mutuel windows and kiosk repair staffing in order for the association or licensee to conduct race meets at a particular track.

Proposed law retains present law, but also prohibits the LSRC from making rules regarding the operation or hours of operation of a racetrack other than matters necessary to the holding of such race meetings and pari-mutuel wagering.

Present law requires that, after July 1, 2023, each association (operator of a live horse racing track) shall deposit 10% of their gross profits into a facility maintenance fund established by the association to pay for all LSRC-required facility maintenance and improvements and that such deposits shall continue until LSRC finds the association in compliance with the facility maintenance and improvement investments. Provides that the deposits shall be made at the same time as the state tax is paid. Provides that once the initial facility maintenance and improvements are completed to the satisfaction of LSRC, each association shall continue to maintain a minimum fund balance of \$3M in the account. Provides that for an association that is in compliance with LSRC's minimum standards and infrastructure investments, the LSRC may by a 2/3 vote exempt an association making deposits, maintaining a minimum fund balance, or allow the balance to be withdrawn or reduced.

Proposed law changes present law to require the deposit of 10% of gross profits only if the association is found by LSRC not to be in compliance with the minimum standards and infrastructure investments and provides that, in those instances, the deposits are capped at \$3M.

Present law provides that a license from the La. Gaming Control Board (LGCB) to conduct slot machine gaming at a race track shall be for a 5-year term and any renewals are for 5-year terms. Present law provides an exception in instances where the LSRC notifies LGCB that it has determined that its licensed live racing track is not in compliance with LSRC standards on facility maintenance and improvements. Allows the LGCB to grant or renew a license for a probationary period not to exceed one year. Provides that, barring extenuating circumstances, the probationary period shall not be extended beyond one year and after the probationary period, LGCB shall either grant or renew

the license or revoke it.

Proposed law changes the exception to provide that, in such instances of an LSRC's determination of an applicant's noncompliance with LSRC standards, the LGCB may grant or renew the license for a 5-year term or for a probationary period to be determined by LGCB.

Effective July 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 4:147 and 164(C)(1), and R.S. 27:361(E)(3)(a))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Changes a duty of the racing commission to require the commission to make rules providing for full-time and seasonal employment recommendations for pari-mutuel windows and kiosk repair staffing in order for the association or licensee to conduct race meets at a particular track.