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Abstract: Provides relative to horse racing.

<u>Present law</u> provides for legislative intent regarding horse racing.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds that the legislature hereby finds and declares it to be the public policy of this state that pari-mutuel wagering facilities which offer live horse racing have historically made great contributions to the economic development of the state at large and particularly the agricultural and horse breeding industries.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the La. State Racing Commission's (commission) ability to appoint stewards.

<u>Proposed law</u> amends <u>present law</u> to provide that the commission may appoint up to three stewards.

<u>Present law</u> provides for who may conduct pari-mutuel wagering in its retail sports book lounge if the pari-mutuel wagering is conducted in accordance with a La. Gaming Control Board and commission approved plan of operation as required.

Proposed law adds clarification language.

(Amends R.S. 4:141 and 147(A)(2)(d) and R.S. 27:607)