

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE BILL NO. 62

BY SENATOR MURRAY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HORSE RACING. Provides relative to certain horse racing funds, purses and breeders' awards. (8/15/11)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:165(A)(1) and (2), and (B)(1) and (2), relative to the Louisiana State Racing Commission; to provide for funds, purses and awards; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 4:165(A)(1) and (2), and (B)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§165. Funds of the commission; purses and breeders' awards; withholds; promotion and research

A.(1) Out of the funds appropriated by the legislature for the expenses and operation of the Louisiana State Racing Commission, the ~~legislature~~ **commission** shall allocate and use annually the sum of seven hundred thousand dollars or a sum equal to three-tenths of one percent of the total gross pari-mutuel handle wagered annually on all horse races at all tracks where pari-mutuel wagering is conducted at race meetings of racing associations and at offtrack wagering facilities authorized and licensed by the commission, whichever sum is greater, to make special awards to stallion owners whose Louisiana stallions have sired accredited Louisiana bred

1        **horses**, finishing first, second, or third in a stake, handicap, or allowance race,  
2        exclusive of maiden races, for thoroughbred horses upon which pari-mutuel  
3        wagering is conducted at race meetings of racing associations and at offtrack  
4        wagering facilities authorized and licensed by the commission and to supplement  
5        purses and to make special breeder awards to the breeders of accredited Louisiana  
6        bred horses finishing first, second, or third in any race for accredited Louisiana bred  
7        thoroughbred horses upon which pari-mutuel wagering is conducted at race meetings  
8        of racing associations and at offtrack wagering facilities authorized and licensed by  
9        the commission. Special awards to stallion owners shall also be made to owners  
10       whose Louisiana stallions have sired accredited Louisiana bred **horses** finishing first,  
11       second, or third in out-of-state stakes races with purses of at least twenty-five  
12       thousand dollars, added.

13                (2) The breeder award herein authorized shall be paid and disbursed to the  
14       breeder who becomes entitled thereto pursuant to the provisions hereof, according  
15       to a schedule or formula and within a period which is or shall be established by the  
16       Executive Committee of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association. Any  
17       purse supplement herein authorized and paid **by the commission** shall in no case  
18       exceed the amount provided as a purse by the racing association conducting the race  
19       meeting in this state or the races conducted in any other state as provided for in  
20       Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. Monies for the awards as provided in Paragraph (1)  
21       of this Subsection, shall be ~~appropriated~~ **transferred by the commission** to the  
22       Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association for disbursement to the entitled  
23       breeders.

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25                B.(1) Out of the funds appropriated **by the legislature** for the expenses and  
26       operation of the Louisiana State Racing Commission, the ~~legislature~~ **commission**  
27       shall allocate and use annually the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars to make  
28       special stallion awards to the owners of stallions of accredited Louisiana bred  
29       offspring which finish first, second, or third, in a stake, handicap, or allowance race,

1 exclusive of maiden races, for quarter horses run at any track licensed by the  
2 commission; and to supplement purses and to make special breeders' awards to the  
3 breeders of accredited Louisiana bred quarter horses which finish first, second, or  
4 third in a race or races for accredited Louisiana bred quarter horses conducted at a  
5 race meeting or meetings in Louisiana. However, the awards paid under the  
6 provisions of this Subsection shall be **considered as an overhead expense of the**  
7 **commission and** paid without regard to the track where quarter horses are running,  
8 the payment of this award not to be considered an expense solely of the track or  
9 tracks running quarter horses.

10 (2) The breeder award herein authorized shall be paid and disbursed to the  
11 breeder who becomes entitled thereto pursuant to the provisions hereof, according  
12 to the schedule or formula which is or shall be established by the Executive  
13 Committee of the Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders Association, not later than the  
14 thirtieth day following the close of the race meeting at which the breeder award was  
15 earned. Any such purse supplement herein authorized and paid shall in no case  
16 exceed the amount provided as a purse by the licensee conducting the race meeting.  
17 Monies for the awards as provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, shall be  
18 ~~appropriated~~ **transferred by the commission** to the Louisiana Quarter Horse  
19 Breeders Association for disbursement to the entitled breeders.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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#### DIGEST

Murray (SB 62)

Present law provides that out of the funds appropriated for the expenses and operations of the La. State Racing Commission, the legislature shall allocate and use annually the greater amount of \$700,000 or 3/10/s of one percent of the total gross pari-mutuel handle wagered annually on all horse races at all tracks where pari-mutuel wagering is conducted for thoroughbred horse breeders' awards. Provides that such awards shall be paid and disbursed to the breeder who becomes entitled according to a schedule or formula and within a period established by the Executive Committee of the La. Thoroughbred Breeders Association.

Proposed law retains present law except that it provides that the racing commission shall allocate and use the funds directed to the breeders association for disbursement.

Present law provides that out of the funds appropriated for the expenses and operation of the La. State Racing Commission, the legislature shall allocate and use annually the sum of \$800,000 to make quarter horse breeder awards. Further provides that the awards shall be paid without regard to the track where the horses are running and that the payment of this award is not to be considered an expense solely of the track running quarter horses.

Proposed law retains present law except that it provides that the racing commission shall allocate and use the funds to the La. Quarter Horse Breeders Association for disbursement. Further provides that such awards shall be considered as an overhead expense of the racing commission.

Effective August 15, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 4:165(A)(1) and (2), and (B)(1) and (2))