

SENATE BILL NO. 62

BY SENATOR MURRAY

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

1 AN ACT

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

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

10 A.(1) Out of the funds appropriated **by the legislature** for the expenses and
11 operation of the Louisiana State Racing Commission, the ~~legislature~~ **commission**
12 shall allocate and use annually the sum of seven hundred thousand dollars or a sum
13 equal to three-tenths of one percent of the total gross pari-mutuel handle wagered
14 annually on all horse races at all tracks where pari-mutuel wagering is conducted at
15 race meetings of racing associations and at offtrack wagering facilities authorized
16 and licensed by the commission, whichever sum is greater, to make special awards
17 to stallion owners whose Louisiana stallions have sired accredited Louisiana bred
18 **horses**, finishing first, second, or third in a stake, handicap, or allowance race,
19 exclusive of maiden races, for thoroughbred horses upon which pari-mutuel
20 wagering is conducted at race meetings of racing associations and at offtrack
21 wagering facilities authorized and licensed by the commission and to supplement
22 purses and to make special breeder awards to the breeders of accredited Louisiana
23 bred horses finishing first, second, or third in any race for accredited Louisiana bred
24 thoroughbred horses upon which pari-mutuel wagering is conducted at race meetings
25 of racing associations and at offtrack wagering facilities authorized and licensed by

1 the commission. Special awards to stallion owners shall also be made to owners
2 whose Louisiana stallions have sired accredited Louisiana bred **horses** finishing first,
3 second, or third in out-of-state stakes races with purses of at least twenty-five
4 thousand dollars, added.

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

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17 B.(1) Out of the funds appropriated **by the legislature** for the expenses and
18 operation of the Louisiana State Racing Commission, the ~~legislature~~ **commission**
19 shall allocate and use annually the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars to make
20 special stallion awards to the owners of stallions of accredited Louisiana bred
21 offspring which finish first, second, or third, in a stake, handicap, or allowance race,
22 exclusive of maiden races, for quarter horses run at any track licensed by the
23 commission; and to supplement purses and to make special breeders' awards to the
24 breeders of accredited Louisiana bred quarter horses which finish first, second, or
25 third in a race or races for accredited Louisiana bred quarter horses conducted at a
26 race meeting or meetings in Louisiana. However, the awards paid under the
27 provisions of this Subsection shall be **considered as an overhead expense of the**
28 **commission and** paid without regard to the track where quarter horses are running,
29 the payment of this award not to be considered an expense solely of the track or
30 tracks running quarter horses.

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