

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 1111 by Representative Thibaut

RACING/HORSE: Describes hospital and medical benefits for permittees licensed to race horses

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Specifies that "hospital and medical benefits" also includes one-time benevolence payments to person in the equine industry who are in financial need as a result of serious illness or injury, fire, or natural disaster.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for the distribution of monies from horse racing for purses to and benefits from the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) to permittees licensed to race horses in the state. Provides that the distribution of those monies by HBPA be for the use and benefit of permittees, their employees, and others for hospital and medical benefits, and for the administrative expenses in providing these benefits.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that "hospital and medical benefits" include but are not limited to reasonable medical, surgical, hospitalization, physical rehabilitation, and dental and optical services, death benefits, drug and alcohol counseling, and other spiritual, mental, and psychological services provided for the welfare of permittees, their employees, and others.

Proposed law further specifies that "hospital and medical benefits" also includes one-time benevolence payments to person in the equine industry who are in financial need as a result of serious illness or injury, fire, or natural disaster, including but not limited to hurricane, tornado, or flood.

(Adds R.S. 4:183(C))