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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 130

BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNICK

AUDITS/AUDITING: Directs the legislative auditor to perform a performance audit of the Louisiana State Racing Commission regarding horse racing facilities and offtrack wagering facilities located in the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To direct the legislative auditor to perform a performance audit of the Louisiana State
3	Racing Commission and its regulatory efforts with respect to horse racing facilities
4	and offtrack wagering facilities located in the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson, to
5	determine whether the commission is ensuring compliance by those facilities with
6	the health, safety, and welfare standards required by law and administrative rule, to
7	determine whether the commission is enforcing compliance with respect to the
8	allocation of resources regarding horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering as compared
9	to the operation of video draw poker devices and slot machines, and to report its
10	findings to the House of Representatives at least thirty days prior to the 2015 Regular
11	Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.
12	WHEREAS, in 1987, the Louisiana Legislature authorized offtrack wagering at pari-
13	mutuel wagering facilities; and
14	WHEREAS, in 1991, the Louisiana Legislature authorized the operation of video
15	draw poker devices at offtrack wagering facilities and at horse racing facilities; and
16	WHEREAS, in 1997, the Louisiana Legislature authorized slot machine gaming at
17	eligible live horse racing facilities; and
18	WHEREAS, although these measures have provided much needed revenue to the
19	horse racing industry, the primary purpose of offtrack wagering facilities and horse racing

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2	Louisiana; and
3	WHEREAS, horse racing has been conducted in Louisiana for more than one
4	hundred forty years and has played a vital role in the history of Louisiana; and
5	WHEREAS, the racing industry has contributed millions of dollars to the state of
6	Louisiana and has facilitated the ownership, breeding, and racing of quality horses in this
7	state; and
8	WHEREAS, Act No. 276 of the 1940 Regular Session of the Legislature established
9	the Louisiana State Racing Commission; and
10	WHEREAS, Louisiana law requires the Louisiana State Racing Commission to
11	institute and maintain a regulatory program for the business of racing horses which assures
12	the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare by safeguarding the people of this
13	state against corrupt, incompetent, dishonest, and unprincipled horse racing practices
14	through the comprehensive regulation and control of the horse racing industry; and
15	WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Racing Commission has adopted rules which
16	provide that a veterinarian shall ensure that horses are stabled in individual box stalls with
17	separate feeding and watering facilities, that the stables and immediate surrounding area are
18	maintained in approved sanitary conditions at all times, that satisfactory drainage is
19	provided, and that manure and other refuse are promptly and properly removed; and
20	WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has a compelling interest in maintaining the
21	proper racing facilities, which are essential to protecting the health and safety of the jockeys,
22	trainers, stewards, breeders, horsemen, and patrons, as well as the horses.
23	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives does hereby
24	direct the legislative auditor to conduct a performance audit of the Louisiana State Racing
25	Commission and its regulatory efforts with respect to horse racing facilities and offtrack
26	wagering facilities located in the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson to determine whether the
27	racing commission is ensuring compliance by those facilities with the health, safety, and
28	welfare standards required by law and administrative rule.
29	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative auditor determine if the Louisiana
30	State Racing Commission is enforcing compliance with respect to the amount of resources

facilities is to provide live horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering to the citizens of

- 1 any offtrack pari-mutuel wagering facility or horse racing facility located in Orleans and
- 2 Jefferson parishes is allocating to the efficient and safe conducting of horse racing versus
- 3 the operation of slot machines and the operation of video draw poker devices.
- 4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative auditor shall report its findings
- 5 to the House of Representatives at least thirty days prior to the 2015 Regular Session of the
- 6 Legislature of Louisiana.

DIGEST

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Further directs the legislative auditor to conduct an audit of the Louisiana State Racing Commission to determine whether the commission is enforcing compliance with respect to the amount of resources any offtrack pari-mutuel wagering facility or horse racing facility located in the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson is allocating to the efficient and safe conducting of horse racing versus the operation of slot machines and the operation of video draw poker devices.

Requires the legislative auditor to report its findings to the House of Representatives at least 30 days prior to the 2015 R.S.