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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 119

BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNICK

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

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

## 2 To direct the legislative auditor to perform an audit of the Louisiana State Racing 3 Commission and its regulatory efforts with respect to horse racing facilities and 4 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 and 7 to 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 legislature at least thirty days prior to the 2015 Regular Session of the 11 Legislature of Louisiana. 12 WHEREAS, in 1987, the Louisiana Legislature authorized offtrack wagering at parimutuel wagering facilities; and 13 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

horse racing industry, the primary purpose of offtrack wagering facilities and horse racing

1	facilities is to provide live horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering to the citizens of
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 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
24	direct the legislative auditor to conduct an audit of the Louisiana State Racing Commission
25	and its regulatory efforts with respect to horse racing facilities and offtrack wagering
26	facilities located in the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson to determine whether the racing
27	commission is ensuring compliance by those facilities with the health, safety, and welfare
28	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

- 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 legislature at least thirty days prior to the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature of
- 6 Louisiana.

## **DIGEST**

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Directs the legislative auditor to conduct an audit of the Louisiana State Racing Commission and its regulatory efforts with respect to horse racing facilities and offtrack wagering facilities located in the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson to determine whether the commission is ensuring compliance by those facilities with the health, safety, and welfare standards required by law and administrative rule.

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 legislature at least 30 days prior to the 2015 R.S.