

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 808

BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNICK

RACING/TRACKS: Provides relative to requirements for a horse racing licensee to be granted a permit to operate a track for a period of ten years

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 4:158(B), relative to horse racing facilities; to provide for the
3 terms of certain associations to operate; to provide relative to licenses or permits to
4 conduct race meetings; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 4:158(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §158. License or permit to conduct race meetings, one-year and ten-year licenses

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9 B.(1) The provisions of this Part to the contrary, notwithstanding, the
10 commission may contract with any licensee for a permit to operate a track for a
11 period of ten years. Such permit shall conform to all the requirements as set out in
12 Subsection ~~(A)~~ A of this section Section; ~~however, any licensee applying for a~~
13 ~~ten-year license under this section shall also agree in writing to expend the sum of~~
14 ~~no less than \$10,000.00 per year or \$100,000.00 during said ten-year period for the~~
15 ~~purpose of repairs and improvements to the track and its facilities, said sum to be~~
16 ~~expended during said ten-year period.~~

17 (2) The commission may approve an application for racing dates for a period
18 not exceeding three racing years, when a contract has been entered into in
19 accordance with this section Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to requirements for a horse racing licensee to be granted a permit to operate a track for a period of 10 years.

Present law provides the La. Racing Commission may contract with any licensee for a permit to operate a track for a period of 10 years.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that any licensee applying for a 10-year permit shall also agree in writing to expend the sum of no less than \$10,000 per year or \$100,000 during the 10-year period for the purpose of repairs and improvements to the track and its facilities, with the sum to be expended during the 10-year period.

Proposed law removes present law.

(Amends R.S. 4:158(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill.

1. Removed proposed law relative to allowing the La. State Racing Commission to refuse, suspend, or withdraw licenses, permits, and privileges granted by it or terminate racing privileges for failure to maintain all turf courses in good repair as determined by the stewards.
2. Removed proposed law prohibiting a facility where the purse revenue is derived from slot machines is limited by law to a certain expressly stated number of slot machines from conducting offtrack wagering unless it:
 - (a) Conducts a certain number of thoroughbred horse races over a turf course maintained in good repair as determined by the stewards prior to the racing days.
 - (b) Provides the spectator public, the horses, and their attendants, with a clean, safe, and modern facility, including but not limited to the track itself, stands, and all places open to the public.
3. Removed from present law that any licensee applying for a 10-year permit to operate a track shall also agree in writing to expend the sum of no less than \$10,000 per year or \$100,000 during the 10-year period for the purpose of repairs and improvements to the track and its facilities, with the sum to be expended during the 10-year period.