



HOUSE BILL No. 5820

May 23, 2000, Introduced by Reps. Koetje, Bradstreet, Gosselin, Voorhees, Birkholz, Kuipers, Garcia, Toy, Garza, Hardman, Vander Roest and Jansen and referred to the Committee on Gaming and Casino Oversight.

A bill to amend 1995 PA 279, entitled
"Horse racing law of 1995,"
by amending section 17 (MCL 431.317), as amended by 1998 PA 408.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 17. (1) The pari-mutuel system of wagering upon the
2 results of horse races as permitted by this act shall not be held
3 or construed to be unlawful. All forms of pari-mutuel wagering
4 conducted at a licensed race meeting shall be preapproved by the
5 racing commissioner pursuant to rule or written order of the
6 commissioner.

7 (2) A holder of a race meeting license may provide a place
8 in the race meeting grounds or enclosure at which he or she may
9 conduct and supervise the pari-mutuel system of wagering on the
10 results of horse races as permitted by this act. If the
11 pari-mutuel system of wagering is used at a race meeting, a

1 totalisator or other device that is equal in accuracy and
2 clearness to a totalisator and approved by the racing commis-
3 sioner shall be used. The odds display of the totalisator or
4 other device shall be placed in full view of the patrons.

5 (3) Subject to section 18(3), each holder of a race meeting
6 license shall retain as his or her commission on all forms of
7 straight wagering 17% of all money wagered involving straight
8 wagers on the results of live and simulcast horse races conducted
9 at the licensee's race meetings. Subject to section 18(3), each
10 holder of a race meeting license shall retain as his or her com-
11 mission on all forms of multiple wagering, without the written
12 permission of the racing commissioner not more than 28% and with
13 the written permission of the racing commissioner not more than
14 35% of all money wagered involving any form of multiple wager on
15 the results of live and simulcast horse races conducted at the
16 licensee's race meeting. Except as otherwise provided by con-
17 tract, 50% of all commissions from wagering on the results of
18 live racing at the racetrack where the live racing was conducted
19 shall be paid to the horsemen's purse pool at the racetrack where
20 the live racing was conducted. As used in this subsection:

21 (a) "Straight wagering" means a wager made on the finishing
22 position of a single specified horse in a single specified race.

23 (b) "Multiple wagering" means a wager made on the finishing
24 positions of more than 1 horse in a specified race or the finish-
25 ing positions of 1 or more horses in more than 1 specified race.

26 (4) All breaks shall be retained by the race meeting
27 licensee and paid directly to the city or township in which the

1 racetrack is located as a fee for services provided pursuant to
2 section 21.

3 (5) Payoff prices of tickets of a higher denomination shall
4 be calculated as even multiples of the payoff price for a \$1.00
5 wager. Each holder of a race meeting license shall distribute to
6 the persons holding winning tickets, as a minimum, a sum not less
7 than \$1.10 calculated on the basis of each \$1.00 deposited in a
8 pool, except that each race meeting licensee may distribute a sum
9 of not less than \$1.05 to persons holding winning tickets for
10 each \$1.00 deposited in a minus pool. As used in this subsec-
11 tion, "minus pool" means any win, place, or show pool in which
12 the payout would exceed the total value of the pool.

13 (6) A holder of a race meeting license shall not knowingly
14 permit a person less than ~~18~~ 21 years of age to be a patron of
15 the pari-mutuel wagering conducted or supervised by the holder.

16 (7) Any act or transaction relative to pari-mutuel wagering
17 on the results of live or simulcast horse races shall only occur
18 or be permitted to occur within the enclosure of a licensed race
19 meeting. A person shall not participate or be a party to any act
20 or transaction relative to placing a wager or carrying a wager
21 for placement outside of a race meeting ground. A person shall
22 not provide messenger service for the placing of a bet for
23 another person who is not a patron. However, this subsection
24 does not prevent simulcasting or intertrack or interstate common
25 pool wagering inside or outside this state as permitted by this
26 act or the rules promulgated under this act.