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BILL ANALYSIS

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House Bills 4599 and 4600 (as discharged)
Sponsor: Representative Julie Alexander
Representative John Cherry
House Committee: Agriculture
Senate Committee: Agriculture (discharged)

CONTENT

House Bill 4599 would amend the Horse Racing Law to do the following:

- Eliminate a provision prohibiting the Racing Commissioner from issuing a race meeting license to a person if that person is licensed to conduct a race meeting at another licensed racetrack in Michigan and has a controlling interest in of the other racetrack.
- Increase amounts that must be paid to standardbred and fair programs for purses and supplements.
- Eliminate language that provides for payments for quarter horse, Appaloosa, Arabian, and American paint horse programs.
- Eliminate language that requires an amount in excess of \$8.0 million to be distributed to the pari-mutuel horse racing disbursement account if the amount allocated to the Michigan Agriculture Equine Industry Development Fund (AEIDF) exceeds \$8.0 million in a given fiscal year.

House Bill 4600 would amend Public Act 90 of 1951, which governs race meets in Michigan, to eliminate language pertaining to the distribution of money held by a license to pay outstanding winning tickets for light horse races, and to modify the Act's citations to the Horse Racing Law to be consistent with the changes proposed under House Bill 4599.

The bills are tie-barred.

MCL 431.308 et al. (H.B. 4599)
431.252 (H.B. 4600)

Legislative Analyst: Jeff Mann

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government, as it would amend provisions for the distribution of State restricted money from the AEIDF to the horse racing industry.

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