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Senate Bill 1504

Ordered by the Senate February 28
Including Senate Amendments dated February 28

Sponsored by Senator COURTNEY (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

[Prohibits accepting wagers or providing gambling services in connection with greyhound racing. Punishes by maximum of five years' imprisonment, $125,000 fine, or both.]

Prohibits wagering on greyhound racing. Punishes by maximum of 364 days' imprisonment, $6,250 fine, or both.

Provides that Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hub licensee may establish account for wagering on greyhound racing for individual unless wagering on live greyhound racing is unlawful in jurisdiction of individual's principal residence.

Directs Oregon Racing Commission to provide annual report to Legislative Assembly on greyhound race wagers made in Oregon.

Provides that commission may not grant licenses for greyhound race meets after effective date of Act.

Takes effect July 1, 2023.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to greyhound racing; creating new provisions; amending ORS 462.040 and 462.725; and prescribing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 462.725 is amended to read:

462.725. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the Oregon Racing Commission may adopt rules to:

(a) License and regulate all phases of operation of Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hubs located in Oregon; and

(b) Authorize and license Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hubs to conduct simulcast broadcasting of, and mutuel wagering on, animal races, including previously held races on which mutuel wagering is lawful in Oregon.

(2) In addition to the other rules of operation adopted by the commission, the commission shall adopt a rule setting the amount that may be taken from the gross receipts of the multi-jurisdictional mutuel system.

(3) All employees working in Oregon and all officers of any Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hubs located and operating in Oregon must obtain a license from the commission prior to the commencement of business or employment. The commission shall adopt rules establishing license fees for the employees and officers, not to exceed $30 per year.

(4) Payments to be made to the commission include:

(a) Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hub license fee not more than $200 per operating day.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

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(b) Not more than one percent of total gross receipts of mutuel wagering recorded by the totalizer system.

(5) Of the moneys received by the commission under subsection (4)(b) of this section, 25 percent shall be paid to the State Treasurer for deposit in the General Fund and 75 percent shall be retained by the commission. The commission may adopt rules under which the moneys retained by the commission may be distributed for the benefit of the Oregon pari-mutuel racing industry.

(6) Wagers on previously held races authorized under subsection (1) of this section are subject to the provisions of ORS 462.157.

(7) A Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizer Hub licensee may establish an account for wagering on greyhound racing for an individual unless wagering on live greyhound racing is unlawful in the jurisdiction of the individual's principal residence.

SECTION 2. (1) On or before February 1 of each year, the Oregon Racing Commission shall provide a report to the Legislative Assembly in the form required under ORS 192.245 on greyhound race wagers made in Oregon.

(2) The report must include:

(a) The amount wagered on greyhound races in Oregon in the last calendar year;

(b) The total amount of state revenue derived from greyhound racing in the last calendar year;

(c) The race courses that hosted greyhound races on which wagers were accepted in Oregon in the last calendar year; and

(d) Any regulatory rulings relating to race courses described in paragraph (c) of this subsection, made by the regulatory bodies governing those race courses, of which the commission is aware.

SECTION 3. ORS 462.040 is amended to read:

462.040. (1) Race meet licenses granted by the Oregon Racing Commission shall be limited to:

(a) Licenses for horse and mule race meets (Class A).

(b) Licenses for greyhound race meets (Class B).

(2)(a) Except as the commission otherwise may provide by rule, no licensee shall be granted licenses of both classes nor shall licenses be issued for more than one class of racing on the same race course, track or location.

(b) In adopting rules to carry out the provisions of this subsection, the commission shall consider, among other matters, the impact on existing race meet licensees in the county in which application for a license referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection is made.

(3) The commission [shall not grant any license for greyhound racing at the Oregon State Fair] may not grant any license for greyhound race meets after the effective date of this 2022 Act.

(4) The license shall specify the number of days the race meet shall continue and the number of races per day.

SECTION 4. This 2022 Act takes effect on July 1, 2022.