House Bill 4052

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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 as introduced. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Certain horse racing companies pay a fee to the Oregon Racing Commission. Currently a portion of the fee goes to the General Fund. The Act provides that portion must be spent by the ORC for horse and jockey safety. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.5).

Provides that portion of payments made to the Oregon Racing Commission by Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hubs must be expended for purposes related to equine and jockey safety instead of being transferred to the General Fund.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to racing; amending ORS 462.725.

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.

(b) Not more than one percent of total gross receipts of mutuel wagering recorded by the totalizator 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] at least 25 percent must be expended for purposes related to equine and jockey safety. The commission may adopt rules under which the remaining moneys [retained by the commission] may be distributed for the benefit of the Oregon pari-mutuel racing industry.

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.
(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 Totalizator 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.