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1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **78th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1991**  
4 **By: Senator Everett**

# A Bill

**SENATE BILL 631**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 23-111-509 ESTABLISHING THE  
9 DISPOSITION OF THE HANDLE AT DOG RACING TRACKS; AND FOR  
10 OTHER PURPOSES."

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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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14 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 23-111-509(b) is hereby amended to read as  
15 follows:

16 "(b) The franchise holder shall withhold and retain for its own use and  
17 benefit *twelve percent (12%)* of all moneys wagered."

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19 SECTION 2. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature  
20 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
21 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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23 SECTION 3. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to  
24 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
25 other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without  
26 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
27 Act are declared to be severable.

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29 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are  
30 hereby repealed.

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32 SECTION 5. *EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the*  
33 *Seventy-Eighth General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the method of*  
34 *distributing the money wagered at the dog racing tracks in Arkansas needs to*  
35 *be revised and that, unless this method of distribution is changed, serious*

1 *financial harm might occur to the dog racing franchise holders. Therefore, in*  
2 *order to insure that imminent financial harm does not occur, an emergency is*  
3 *hereby declared to exist and this act being necessary for the immediate*  
4 *preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and*  
5 *effect from and after its passage and approval.*

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