

ARKANSAS SENATE
89th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2013
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 329

TO AMEND THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION.

Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill No. 329

Amend Senate Bill No. 329 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 9 and 10 and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO AMEND THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION; TO AMEND THE METHOD OF PLACING WAGERS AT HORSE TRACKS AND GREYHOUND TRACKS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Page 1, delete lines 14 and 15 and substitute the following:

"TO AMEND THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION; TO AMEND THE METHOD OF PLACING WAGERS AT HORSE TRACKS AND GREYHOUND TRACKS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY."

AND

Page 4, delete lines 4 through 13 and substitute the following:

" SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 23-110-405, concerning wagering at a horse racing track, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e)(1) With the prior approval of the commission and pursuant to rules adopted by the commission, a franchise holder's patrons with money on deposit in an account with the franchise holder may place wagers by communication through telephone or other mobile device or through other electronic means on races conducted at the franchise holder's race track facility and horse races or greyhound races at other racetracks, whether or not the patron is located on the grounds of the franchise holder's race track facility when placing the wager.

(2) Wagers accepted by the franchise holder under this subsection shall be treated for all purposes under this chapter as a wager made by the patron on the grounds of the franchise holder's race track facility.

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 23-111-508(b), concerning wagering at a greyhound racing track, is amended to read as follows:

(b) No other place or method of wagering shall be used or permitted by the franchise holder, unless permitted under subsection (d) or subsection (e)



of this section, nor shall the pari-mutuel or certificate system of wagering be conducted on any races except races at the race track where the franchise holder holds a current license issued by the Arkansas Racing Commission.

SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 23-111-508, concerning wagering at a greyhound racing track, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e)(1) With the prior approval of the commission and pursuant to rules adopted by the commission, a franchise holder's patrons with money on deposit in an account with the franchise holder may place wagers by communication through telephone or other mobile device or through other electronic means on races conducted at the franchise holder's race track facility and horse races or greyhound races at other racetracks, whether or not the patron is located on the grounds of the franchise holder's race track facility when placing the wager.

(2) Wagers accepted by the franchise holder under this subsection shall be treated for all purposes under this chapter as a wager made by the patron on the grounds of the franchise holder's race track facility.

SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Arkansas Racing Commission's authority to impose certain fees and penalties will expire unless specific statutory authority to assess such fees and penalties is enacted and becomes law; and the Arkansas Racing Commission's power to assess such fees and penalties is imperative to the Arkansas Racing Commission's ability to effectively supervise and regulate, in the public interest, horse racing and greyhound racing in Arkansas. It is further found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there would be a loss of revenue to the state if wagers on horse racing and greyhound racing are not permitted to be placed by additional forms of communication by patrons of Arkansas horse racing and greyhound racing tracks, whether or not the patron is located on the grounds of the race track facility when placing the wager. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator B. Sample

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