

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 82nd General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 717

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5 By: Senator Everett
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 23-111-508 TO ESTABLISH
10 THE RIGHTS OF OWNERSHIP FOR GREYHOUND OWNERS IN
11 SIMULCASTS AT DOG-RACING FRANCHISED FACILITIES; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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15 "TO ESTABLISH THE RIGHTS OF OWNERSHIP FOR
16 GREYHOUND OWNERS IN SIMULCASTS AT DOG-
17 RACING FRANCHISED FACILITIES."
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-111-508(d), regarding the regulation of
23 wagering at dog races by the Racing Commission, is amended to read as follows:

24 "(d)(1) Nothing contained in this section, however, shall be construed
25 to permit the pari-mutuel or certificate method of wagering upon any race
26 track unless the track is licensed as provided by this chapter. It is declared
27 to be unlawful for any franchise holder to permit, conduct, or supervise any
28 pari-mutuel or certificate method of wagering upon any race track, except in
29 accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

30 (2) There shall be no wagering on the results of any races except
31 under the pari-mutuel or certificate method of wagering, as provided for in
32 this chapter, and then only by the installation and use of equipment approved
33 by the commission.

34 (3) (A) In addition to the pari-mutuel or certificate system of
35 wagering as authorized by the Arkansas Greyhound Racing Law, § 23-111-101 et
36 seq., the Arkansas Racing Commission is authorized and directed to establish

1 and adopt rules and regulations permitting the conduct of pari-mutuel or
2 certificate system of wagering upon racing, either horse or greyhound,
3 simultaneously televised to or from the premises of the franchise holder.

4 (B) Any time a franchise holder enters into contracts
5 whereby a third party is a buyer of rights to simultaneously televise and
6 accept wagers on racing conducted at a franchise facility in Arkansas, the
7 owners of greyhounds racing in the televised meets shall have property right
8 in the telecast rights and no contract for sale thereof shall be valid without
9 the written consent of a majority of such greyhound owners or their agents.

10 (4) Any franchise holder or any person wagering under any other
11 method at a licensed race track shall be guilty of a felony and upon
12 conviction shall be punished for each offense by a fine of not less than five
13 thousand dollars (\$5,000) nor more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and
14 imprisonment for not less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years."

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16 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
17 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
18 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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26 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
27 hereby repealed.

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