

1 SENATE BILL 513

2 57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HORSE RACING; AMENDING THE TIME FRAME FOR THE
12 NUMBER OF LIVE RACE DAYS NECESSARY FOR A RACETRACK TO MAINTAIN
13 A GAMING OPERATOR'S LICENSE; ESTABLISHING A RACE MEET MINIMUM
14 LENGTH OF TIME.

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

17 SECTION 1. Section 60-1A-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2007,
18 Chapter 39, Section 2) is amended to read:

19 "60-1A-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Horse Racing Act:

20 A. "board" means the gaming control board;

21 B. "breakage" means the odd cents by which the
22 amount payable on each dollar wagered exceeds a multiple of
23 ten;

24 C. "commission" means the state racing commission;

25 D. "exotic wagering" means all wagering other than

1 on win, place or show, through pari-mutuel wagering;

2 E. "export" means to send a live audiovisual
3 broadcast of a horse race in the process of being run at a
4 horse racetrack from the originating horse racetrack to another
5 location;

6 F. "guest state" means a jurisdiction, other than
7 the jurisdiction in which a horse race is run, in which a horse
8 racetrack, off-track wagering facility or other facility that
9 is a member of and subject to an interstate common pool is
10 located;

11 G. "guest track" means a horse racetrack, off-track
12 wagering facility or other licensed facility in a location
13 other than the state in which a horse race is run that is a
14 member of and subject to an interstate common pool;

15 H. "handle" means the total of all pari-mutuel
16 wagering sales, excluding refunds and cancellations;

17 I. "horse race" means a competition among
18 racehorses on a predetermined course in which the horse
19 completing the course in the least amount of time generally
20 wins;

21 J. "host state" means the jurisdiction within which
22 a sending track is located, also known as a "sending state";

23 K. "host track" means the horse racetrack from
24 which a horse race subject to an interstate common pool is
25 transmitted to members of that interstate common pool, also

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1 known as a "sending track";

2 L. "import" means to receive a live audiovisual
3 broadcast of a horse race;

4 M. "interstate common pool" means a pari-mutuel
5 pool that combines comparable pari-mutuel pools from one or
6 more locations that accept wagers on a horse race run at a
7 sending track for purposes of establishing payoff prices at the
8 pool members' locations, including pools in which pool members
9 from more than one state simultaneously combine pari-mutuel
10 pools to form an interstate common pool;

11 N. "jockey club" means an organization that
12 administers thoroughbred registration records and registers
13 thoroughbreds;

14 O. "licensed premises" means land, together with
15 all buildings, other improvements and personal property located
16 on the land, that is under the direct control of a racetrack
17 licensee, including the restricted areas, grandstand and public
18 parking areas;

19 P. "licensee" means a person licensed by the
20 commission and includes a holder of an occupational, secondary
21 or racetrack license;

22 Q. "occupational license" means a license issued by
23 the commission to a vendor or to a person having access to a
24 restricted area on the licensed premises, including a horse
25 owner, trainer, jockey, agent, apprentice, groom, exercise

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1 person, veterinarian, valet, farrier, starter, clocker, racing
2 secretary, pari-mutuel clerk and other personnel designated by
3 the commission whose work, in whole or in part, is conducted
4 around racehorses or pari-mutuel betting windows;

5 R. "pari-mutuel wagering" means a system of
6 wagering in which bets on a live or simulcast horse race are
7 pooled and held by the racetrack licensee for distribution of
8 the total amount, less the deductions authorized by law, to
9 holders of winning tickets; "pari-mutuel wagering" does not
10 include bookmaking or pool selling;

11 S. "pari-mutuel wagering pool" means the money
12 wagered on a specific horse race through pari-mutuel wagering;

13 T. "practical breeder" means a person who has
14 practical experience in breeding horses, although the person
15 may not be actively involved in breeding horses;

16 U. "primary residence" means the domicile where a
17 person resides for most of the year, and, if the person is
18 temporarily out of state, the address where a person will
19 return when the person returns to New Mexico or the address
20 that a person uses for purposes of a driver's license, passport
21 or voting;

22 V. "quarter horse" means a racehorse that is
23 registered with the American quarter horse association or any
24 successor association;

25 W. "race meet" means a period of time within dates

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1 specified by the commission in which a racetrack licensee is
2 authorized to conduct and does conduct live racing on the
3 racing grounds;

4 X. "racehorse" means a quarter horse or
5 thoroughbred that is bred and trained to compete in horse
6 races;

7 Y. "racetrack license" means a license to conduct
8 horse races issued by the commission;

9 Z. "racetrack licensee" means a person who has been
10 issued a racetrack license;

11 AA. "racing grounds" means the area of the
12 restricted area of licensed premises used for the purpose of
13 conducting horse races and all activities ancillary to the
14 conduct of horse races, including the track, stable area,
15 jockey's quarters and horse training areas;

16 BB. "retainage" means money that is retained from
17 wagers on win, place and show and on exotic wagers by a
18 racetrack licensee pursuant to the Horse Racing Act;

19 CC. "restricted areas" means the stable area, the
20 area behind the pari-mutuel betting windows and anywhere on the
21 racing grounds;

22 DD. "secondary licensee" means all officers,
23 directors, shareholders, lenders or holders of evidence of
24 indebtedness of a corporation or legal entity owning a horse
25 racetrack, and all persons holding a direct or indirect

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1 interest of any nature whatsoever in the horse racetrack,
2 including interests or positions that deal with the funds of
3 the racetrack or that are administrative, policymaking or
4 supervisory;

5 EE. "simulcast" means a transmission of a live
6 audiovisual broadcast of a horse race being run at a horse
7 racetrack other than the horse racetrack or other licensed
8 facility at which the broadcast is being received for viewing
9 pursuant to a simulcasting contract;

10 FF. "stakes race" means a horse race in which
11 nominations or entry or starting fees contribute to the purse;
12 an overnight race is not a stakes race;

13 GG. "steward" means an employee of the commission
14 who supervises horse races and oversees a race meet while in
15 progress, including holding hearings regarding licensees and
16 enforcing the rules of the commission and the horse racetrack;

17 HH. "takeout" means amounts authorized by statute
18 to be deducted from the pari-mutuel wagers;

19 II. "thoroughbred" means a racehorse that is
20 registered with the jockey club;

21 JJ. "track" means the surfaced oval area on which
22 horse races are conducted; and

23 KK. "vendor" means a person who provides goods or
24 services to or in the racing grounds or restricted area of the
25 licensed premises of a horse racetrack."

