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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Papen **ORIGINAL DATE** 2/14/15 **LAST UPDATED** 3/20/15 **HB** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SHORT TITLE** Racehorse Drug Testing **SB** 489/aHJC  
**ANALYST** Elkins

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		NFI	NFI			

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB 379.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

State Racing Commission (SRC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of House Judiciary Committee Amendment

House Judiciary Committee Amendment to Senate Bill 498 requires the State Racing Commission to follow guidelines that meet or exceed the standards established in the model rules published by the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) for handling pre-race, post-race, out-of-competition, and necropsy testing of samples taken from race horses. The amendment also requires the money in the racehorse testing fund be used by SRC for pre-race, post-race, out-of-competition, and necropsy testing of samples taken from race horses and that the testing meets or exceeds the standards established in ARCI's model rules .

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 489 requires the State Racing Commission (SRC) to follow guidelines established in the model rules published by the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) for handling pre-race, post-race, out-of-competition, and necropsy testing of samples taken from race horses. The bill also requires the money in the racehorse testing fund be used by SRC for pre-race, post-race, out-of-competition, and necropsy testing of samples taken from race horses and that the testing follow ARCI guidelines.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no significant fiscal implications.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

According to ARCI:

The model rules are all encompassing. They affect thoroughbred, standardbred, quarter horse, and greyhound racing. Regulatory entities are encouraged to adopt the model rules by reference as a way to enhance uniformity of regulation in a sport that has evolved to be multi-jurisdictional.

To ensure the quality of drug testing programs as well as to ensure the security of the wagering system, ARCI has adopted standards for drug testing labs as well as the totalizator systems that process the individual wagers of millions of racing fans.

<http://arcicom.businesscatalyst.com/model-rules---standards.html>

SRC has already adopted ARCI model rules and guidelines for controlled substances, therapeutic medications, and penalties. However, this bill adds language to sections of the Horse Racing Act related to testing to require pre-race, post-race, out-of-competition, and necropsy testing of blood serum plasma, urine, or other appropriate test samples follow ARCI's model rules.

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