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Subject Conduct of advance deposit wagering, card playing, and pari-mutuel

betting provided

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Overview

This bill amends the statutes governing pari-mutuel horse racing by:

- prohibiting wagering on historical horse racing;
- prohibiting licensed racetracks from offering for play any forms of gambling except horse racing and card room operations authorized under chapter 240; and
- prohibiting the Racing Commission from expanding gambling operations via rulemaking or other authority to include any forms of gambling other than horse racing and authorized card games.

Summary

Section Description

1 Advance deposit wagering; ADW.

Excludes historical horse racing, or any televised, video, or computer screen depicting a video game of chance from advanced deposit wagering on pari-mutuel horse racing.

2 Card game.

Creates a new definition of "card game" in the pari-mutuel horse racing chapter. "Card game" means live card playing at a table involving physical cards that must be dealt to or held by both the human dealer and players that includes no more than seven player seats (ten in the case of poker), and one human dealer at a shared physical table.

3 Card playing.

Amends the definition of "card playing" in the pari-mutuel horse racing chapter to limit card playing to only games in which physical cards are dealt by a human dealer at a shared table.

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4 Horse racing.

Amends the definition of "horse racing" in the pari-mutuel horse racing chapter to limit horse racing to live or simulcast races in which a horse carries a human rider and does not include historical horse racing.

5 **Historical horse racing.**

Creates a new definition of "historical horse racing" in the pari-mutuel horse racing chapter. "Historical horse racing" means any horse race that was previously conducted at a licensed racetrack, concluded with results, and concluded without scratches, disqualifications, or dead-heat finishes.

6 Pari-mutuel betting.

Amends the definition of "pari-mutuel betting" in the pari-mutuel horse racing chapter to exclude bets placed on historical horse races.

7 Table.

Creates a new definition of "table" in the pari-mutuel horse racing chapter. "Table" means a physical card playing table utilized to operate a card game that is shared by and holds no more than seven player seats, or ten player seats in the case of poker, and one human dealer.

8 **Prohibited acts.**

Provides that a licensed racetrack may only conduct horse racing and operate a card club in accordance with chapter 240. Prohibits licensed racetracks from conducting or offering for play other forms of gambling including historical horse racing, slot machines, video games of chance, and other gambling devices.

9 Limitations on rulemaking and other authority.

Provides that the Racing Commission's rulemaking authority only pertains to the regulation of horse racing and card games. Prohibits the Racing Commission from using rulemaking or other methods of approving a plan of operation to expand gambling activities to include historical horse racing, slot machines, video games of chance, and other gambling devices.

10 Limitations.

Prohibits the Racing Commission from approving a plan for a card room that includes historical horse racing or any other form of gambling that is not expressly authorized for racetracks under state law.



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