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### Overview

This bill modifies licensing and regulation provisions for pari-mutuel horse racing by defining the term “racing or gaming-related vendor;” reducing the racing commission’s reporting requirement to odd-numbered years; amending the appeal process for license revocations and suspensions; extending the deadline by which certain payments must be made to the state; and clarifying that card club revenue added to horse racing purses must be added to purses for races conducted at licensed racetracks.

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- 1 Racing or gaming-related vendor.** Defines “racing or gaming-related vendor” as a person or entity that manufactures, sells, provides, distributes, repairs, or maintains equipment used at a Class A facility or supplies or provides services to a Class A facility or Class B license holder that are directly related to the running of a horse race, simulcasting, pari-mutuel betting, or card playing.
- 2 Annual report.** Requires the racing commission to provide a report to the governor and legislature in each odd-numbered year. Currently, the commission must provide a report each year.
- 3 Revocation and suspension.** Requires a license holder to request a contested hearing under chapter 14 if the commission revokes or suspends a license for more than 180 days and the license holder chooses not to appeal the decision under the commission’s rules. A license holder must make the request in writing and either send the request by certified mail or personally serve the commission within ten days after the license holder receives the

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revocation or suspension notice. Under current law, a revocation or suspension for more than 90 days is automatically a contested case.

The commission may also summarily suspend a license for up to 90 days where it is necessary to ensure the integrity of racing or to protect the public health, welfare, or safety. A license holder may appeal the summary suspension within five days of receiving notice of the suspension and the commission must hold a hearing within ten days of receiving the request for an appeal. Under current law, an appeal of a summary suspension is a contested case and must be heard within 30 days of the summary suspension.

- 4 **Payments to state.** Extends the deadline for paying the regulatory fee and breeders fund fee from seven days to 15 days after the end of the month in which the wager was made.
- 5 **Card club revenue.** Clarifies that card club revenue added to horse racing purses must be added to purses “for races conducted at licensed racetracks.”
- 6 **Fines.** Clarifies that, in distributing money collected from civil fines to support racehorse adoption, retirement, and repurposing, the racing commission may make the distributions in the form of grants, contracts, or expenditures.