

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 15, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 11, 1967 (P.L.707, No.331),
2 entitled "An act providing for and regulating thoroughbred
3 horse racing with pari-mutuel wagering on the results
4 thereof, creating the State Horse Racing Commission as an
5 independent administrative commission and defining its powers
6 and duties; providing for the establishment and operation of
7 thoroughbred horse racing plants; imposing taxes on revenues
8 of such plants; disposing of all moneys received by the
9 commission and all moneys collected from the taxes;
10 authorizing penalties; and making appropriations," further
11 defining "thoroughbred horse racing".

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Section 1, act of December 11, 1967 (P.L.707,
15 No.331), entitled "An act providing for and regulating
16 thoroughbred horse racing with pari-mutuel wagering on the
17 results thereof, creating the State Horse Racing Commission as
18 an independent administrative commission and defining its powers
19 and duties; providing for the establishment and operation of
20 thoroughbred horse racing plants; imposing taxes on revenues of
21 such plants; disposing of all moneys received by the commission
22 and all moneys collected from the taxes; authorizing penalties;
23 and making appropriations," is amended to read:

1 Section 1. State Horse Racing Commission.--The State Horse
2 Racing Commission is hereby established as an independent
3 administrative commission, and it shall have general
4 jurisdiction over all pari-mutuel thoroughbred horse racing
5 activities in the State and the corporations engaged therein.
6 For the purposes of this act, "thoroughbred horse racing" shall
7 mean that form of horse racing in which each participating horse
8 is mounted by a jockey, is duly registered with The Jockey Club,
9 New York, New York and engages in races on the flat but does not
10 include a steeplechase or hurdle race. Such commission shall
11 consist of three members who shall be appointed by the Governor,
12 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Governor
13 shall designate one of the members as chairman of the
14 commission. The chairman of such commission shall hold office
15 for a term of three years, and the other two members shall hold
16 office for terms of one and two years respectively as designated
17 by the Governor. Thereafter their successors shall be appointed
18 for a full term of three years. Such commissioners shall receive
19 no salary but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the
20 performance of their official duties. The commission shall
21 appoint such deputies, secretaries, officers, representatives
22 and counsel as it may deem necessary, who shall serve during its
23 pleasure, and shall also appoint such employees it may deem
24 necessary and whose duties shall be prescribed by the commission
25 and whose compensation shall be fixed by the commission within
26 the appropriations available therefor. It shall be the duty of
27 the secretary to keep a full and faithful record of the
28 proceedings of such commission, preserve at the general office
29 of such commission all books, maps, documents, and papers
30 entrusted to his care, prepare for service such papers and

1 notices as may be required of him by the commission, and perform
2 such other duties as the commission may prescribe. It shall be
3 the duty of the secretary to keep, at the offices of the
4 commission, a docket setting forth the names of all stockholders
5 in all corporations licensed under this act, the number of
6 shares held by each such stockholder, and the date on which each
7 shareholder acquired his stock in the corporate licensee. Such
8 docket shall be open for public inspection. The commission, or
9 such officers, employes or agents of the commission as may be
10 designated by the commission for such purpose, shall have the
11 power to administer oaths and examine witnesses, and may issue
12 subpoenas to compel attendance of witnesses, and the production
13 of all relevant and material reports, books, papers, documents,
14 correspondence, and other evidence. Such commission shall,
15 annually, by March 1, make a full report to the Governor of its
16 proceedings for the preceding calendar year and such suggestions
17 and recommendations as it shall deem desirable.