## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

No. 24

Session of 1985

INTRODUCED BY DOMBROWSKI, SEVENTY, BOWSER, CAPPABIANCA, MERRY AND BOYES, JANUARY 23, 1985

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, FEBRUARY 12, 1985

## AN ACT

- 1 Amending the act of December 17, 1981 (P.L.435, No.135),
- 2 entitled "An act providing for the regulation of pari-mutuel
- 3 thoroughbred horse racing and harness horse racing
- 4 activities; imposing certain taxes and providing for the
- 5 disposition of funds from pari-mutuel tickets, "further
- 6 providing for experimental simulcasting.
- 7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 8 hereby enacts as follows:
- 9 Section 1. Section 234 of the act of December 17, 1981
- 10 (P.L.435, No.135), known as the Race Horse Industry Reform Act,
- 11 added May 31, 1984 (P.L.376, No.76), is amended to read:
- 12 Section 234. Experimental simulcasting.
- 13 The State Harness Racing Commission may, upon request from a
- 14 licensed corporation, grant permission to one corporation, on an
- 15 experimental basis, to simulcast intrastate harness racing at a
- 16 facility at which less than 80 days of racing was conducted in
- 17 the calendar year [1983] <u>1984</u>. The period of experimental
- 18 simulcasting shall be through November [1984] 1985. Neither the
- 19 racing facility or licensed corporation at such facility shall

- 1 transmit any simulcast signal to any other racing facility.
- 2 Simulcasts are to be operated by the licensed corporation at the
- 3 racetrack enclosure where a harness race meeting is being
- 4 conducted [during, between, before or after posted races for
- 5 that racing day]. No more than 50% of the races conducted each <--
- 6 week (Monday through Sunday) shall be simulcast. All forms of
- 7 [pari-mutual] <a href="mailto:pari-mutuel">pari-mutuel</a> wagering described in section 221
- 8 shall be allowed on races to be televised by simulcasting under
- 9 this section. The State Harness Racing Commission may promulgate
- 10 regulations on wagering and the operation of these races. All
- 11 money wagered by patrons on these races shall be computed in the
- 12 amount of money wagered each racing day for purposes of taxation
- 13 under section 222.
- 14 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.