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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 1604 Session of  
2008

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INTRODUCED BY WAUGH, PILEGGI, WONDERLING, ORIE, RHOADES AND  
BRUBAKER, OCTOBER 8, 2008

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 8, 2008

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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 the composition of the State Horse Racing  
7 Commission.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 201(a) of the act of December 17, 1981  
11 (P.L.435, No.135), known as the Race Horse Industry Reform Act,  
12 is amended to read:

13 Section 201. Establishment of the commissions.

14 (a) The State Horse Racing Commission is hereby established  
15 as a departmental administrative commission within the  
16 Department of Agriculture. The commission shall have general  
17 jurisdiction over all pari-mutuel thoroughbred horse racing  
18 activities in the Commonwealth and the corporations engaged  
19 therein. For the purposes of this act, "thoroughbred horse  
20 racing" means that form of horse racing in which each

1 participating horse is mounted by a jockey, is duly registered  
2 with the Jockey Club, New York, New York and engages in races on  
3 the flat. Thoroughbred horse racing may include a steeplechase  
4 or hurdle race. The commission shall consist of three members,  
5 not more than two of whom shall at the time of the appointment  
6 reside in the same county, who shall be appointed by the  
7 Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Each  
8 commissioner shall hold office for a term of three years and  
9 until a successor is qualified.

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11 Section 2. The provisions of this act shall apply to  
12 individuals nominated as members of the State Horse Racing  
13 Commission after the effective date of this act.

14 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.