

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2258 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY SCHULER, COY, FAIRCHILD, HERSHEY, FLEAGLE,  
YOUNGBLOOD, WAUGH, SAYLOR, BARLEY, GEIST, STRITTMATTER, TRUE,  
PLATTS, TRELLO, CLYMER AND ZIMMERMAN, DECEMBER 12, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,  
DECEMBER 12, 1995

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," providing for  
6 public hearings for proposed nonprimary pari-mutuel  
7 locations.

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

10 Section 1. Section 218(g)(5)(iii) of the act of December 17,  
11 1981 (P.L.435, No.135), known as the Race Horse Industry Reform  
12 Act, added November 30, 1988 (P.L.1090, No.127), is amended to  
13 read:

14 Section 218. Place and manner of conducting pari-mutuel  
15 wagering.

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17 (g) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act to the  
18 contrary, upon approval by the appropriate commission, a  
19 licensed corporation may establish one or more nonprimary

1 locations at which it shall conduct pari-mutuel wagering on all  
2 horse races conducted by such licensed corporation and may  
3 conduct pari-mutuel wagering on horse races conducted by another  
4 licensed corporation, which horse races may be televised to the  
5 locations, or on horse races simulcast to the locations pursuant  
6 to section 216, provided that:

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8 (5) \* \* \*

9 (iii) In determining whether the nonprimary location  
10 statement meets the legislative intent of this amendatory  
11 act, the appropriate commission shall conduct a public  
12 hearing within the city, borough, town or township where  
13 the facility is to be located and shall consider factors  
14 which include, but are not limited to, the following:

15 (A) The purposes and provisions of this  
16 amendatory act.

17 (B) The public interest.

18 (C) The integrity of live racing.

19 (D) The impact on the local community.

20 (E) The potential for job creation.

21 (F) The quality of the physical facilities and  
22 all services to be provided therein.

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24 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.