THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY DIGIROLAMO, CRAHALLA, J. EVANS, FRANKEL, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HORSEY, MELIO, O'NEILL, SCAVELLO, TIGUE, WATSON AND WHEATLEY, FEBRUARY 3, 2004

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 3, 2004

AN ACT

- 1 Providing for the duties of the Pennsylvania State Police
- 2 regarding criminal history background reports for persons
- 3 participating in harness or horse racing.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Criminal history background reports.
- 7 (a) Duty to provide. -- The Pennsylvania State Police shall,
- 8 at the request of the State Harness Racing Commission or the
- 9 State Horse Racing Commission, provide criminal history
- 10 background reports, which shall include records of criminal
- 11 arrests or convictions, on applicants for licensure by the
- 12 respective commission pursuant to section 213 of the act of
- 13 December 17, 1981 (P.L.435, No.135), known as the Race Horse
- 14 Industry Reform Act, including, but not limited to, officers,
- 15 directors and stockholders of licensed corporations, horse
- 16 owners, trainers, jockeys, drivers and other persons
- 17 participating in thoroughbred or harness horse meetings and
- 18 other persons and vendors who exercise their occupation or

- 1 employment at such meetings.
- 2 (b) Submittal of fingerprints.--Applicants to the State
- 3 Harness Racing Commission and the State Horse Racing Commission
- 4 shall submit a full set of their fingerprints which shall be
- 5 forwarded by the respective commission to the Pennsylvania State
- 6 Police for the purpose of verifying the identity of the
- 7 applicants and facilitating the preparation of criminal history
- 8 background reports under subsection (a).
- 9 (c) Exemption. -- The State Harness Racing Commission and the
- 10 State Horse Racing Commission may exempt applicants for
- 11 positions not related to the care or training of horses, racing,
- 12 wagering, security or the management of licensed corporations
- 13 from the provisions of this act.
- 14 Section 2. Effective date.
- This act shall take effect in 60 days.