



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 1237

PRINTERS NO. 1654

PRIME SPONSOR: Vogel

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
State Racing Fund; PA Race Horse Development Trust Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 1237, Printer's Number 1654, extends the sunset date by three years to give the State Horse Racing Commission the authority to issue temporary regulations to comply with provisions required under a new federal law.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends Title 3 (Agriculture) to extend by three years the expiration of existing temporary horse racing regulations to October of 2025 and give the State Horse Racing Commission the authority to issue temporary regulations to comply with provisions required under the Federal Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act of 2020 or HISA (Public Law 116-260, 134 Stat. 1182). This allows existing temporary regulations to remain in effect until the federal requirements can be incorporated into permanent horse racing regulations for Pennsylvania.

The commission's authority to promulgate temporary regulations shall expire three years after the effective date of this bill. Regulations adopted after this period shall be promulgated as provided by law.

This legislation would take effect immediately upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no impact on existing funds. In the current fiscal year, the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Trust Fund will transfer \$10.066 million to the State Racing Fund specifically for drug testing costs. The State Racing Fund is managed by the State Horse Racing Commission for the regulation of horse and harness racing and the costs to comply with the Federal HISA would be covered under existing operations.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.