

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1237

PRINTER NO. 1654

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

State Racing Fund
General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

May 19, 2022

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Vogel

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 1237 amends Title 3 (Agriculture), Section 9311 (State Horse Racing Commission) to extend temporary regulations necessary to administer and enforce the Race Horse Industry Reform Act for three years and provide the State Horse Racing Commission (commission) with the authority to issue temporary regulations for three years to facilitate the implementation of the federal Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act of 2020 (HISA).

The legislation is scheduled to become effective immediately.

For information purposes, the Race Horse Industry Reform Act (Act 114 of 2016) provided the commission with three years to issue temporary regulations and three years after the publication of the temporary regulations to promulgate permanent regulations. The temporary regulations were published in October of 2019, but the permanent regulations have not been promulgated and will expire in October of 2022.

The federal HISA provided for the development of rules related to horseracing, including anti-doping, medication control and racetrack safety. It is anticipated that the commission will need to incorporate the federal rules into the state regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of Senate Bill 1237 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The Department of Agriculture has indicated that the cost to extend the temporary regulations and develop regulations to comply with the federal HISA should be minimal and can be accomplished within the commission's existing operating budget, which in fiscal year 2021-22 is \$7,180,000.