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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 799      Session of  
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AN ACT

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

1       (b) Submittal of fingerprints.--The State Harness Racing  
2 Commission and the State Horse Racing Commission shall require  
3 applicants to submit a full set of fingerprints which shall be  
4 forwarded by the commission to the Pennsylvania State Police for  
5 the purpose of verifying the identity of the applicants and  
6 facilitating the preparation of criminal history background  
7 reports under subsection (a).

8       (c) Exemption.--The State Harness Racing Commission and the  
9 State Horse Racing Commission may exempt applicants for  
10 positions not related to the care or training of horses, racing,  
11 wagering, security or the management of licensed corporations  
12 from the provisions of this act.

13 Section 2. Effective date.

14       This act shall take effect in 60 days.