

SHORT TITLE: Amusements and sports; relating to horse racing and the Oklahoma Breeding Development Fund; providing for disposition of certain forfeited awards; expanding authorization for certain expenditures; emergency.

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SENATE BILL NO. 341

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to amusements and sports; amending 3A O.S. 1991, Section 208.3, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 26, O.S.L. 1992 (3A O.S. Supp. 1992, Section 208.3), which relates to the Oklahoma Breeding Development Fund Special Account; providing for disposition of forfeited award monies; expanding authorized expenditures from the Oklahoma Breeding Development Fund Special Account; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 3A O.S. 1991, Section 208.3, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 26, O.S.L. 1992 (3A O.S. Supp. 1992, Section 208.3), is amended to read as follows:

Section 208.3 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury an agency special account for the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission, to be designated the "Oklahoma Breeding Development Fund Special Account". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Commission for deposit in the fund pursuant to Section 205.6 of this title and from revenue received as breakage and from unclaimed pari-mutuel tickets. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Commission for the purposes specified in subsection B of this

section. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon vouchers prescribed by the State Treasurer and issued by the Commission against the Oklahoma Breeding Development Fund Special Account. Any person entitled to monies from the Oklahoma Breeding Development Fund Special Account as a purse supplement, stake, reward, or award, prior to receiving said monies, shall sign an affidavit stating that the horse involved complies with the requirements for the purse supplement, stake, reward, or award. Any person entitled to monies from the Oklahoma Breeding Development Fund Special Account as a purse supplement, stake, reward, or award ("awards"), who does not claim such monies or who does not submit required documentation necessary for the Commission to process such award(s) within one (1) year from the date of earning those monies will forfeit same. In such event, monies accrued from forfeiture will be returned to the Oklahoma Breeding Development Fund for expenditure by the Commission for the purposes specified in subsection B of this section.

B. No monies shall be expended by the Commission from the Oklahoma Breeding Development Fund Special Account except for any of the following purposes:

1. To provide purse supplements to owners of Oklahoma-bred horses;
2. To provide stakes and rewards to be paid to the owners of the winning Oklahoma-bred horses in certain horse races;
3. To provide stallion awards to the owner of the Oklahoma stallion which is the sire of an Oklahoma-bred horse if such a horse wins any race conducted at a race meeting. Such award shall not be paid to the owner of an Oklahoma stallion that served outside this state at any time during the calendar year in which the winning Oklahoma-bred horse was conceived;
4. To provide breeders awards to the owner of the Oklahoma-registered mare which is the dam of an Oklahoma-bred horse if such a horse wins any race conducted at a race meeting; ~~and~~

5. To provide monies for equine research through state institutions accredited for the same; and

6. To provide monies for use in marketing, promoting and advertising the Oklahoma-Bred Program and the Oklahoma horse racing industry.

C. By rule and regulation the Commission shall:

1. Define the term Oklahoma-bred horse;

2. Qualify stallions for participation in Oklahoma-bred stallion awards. Such stallion must not stand for service at any place outside Oklahoma during the calendar year in which the foal is conceived;

3. Provide for the registration of Oklahoma-domiciled mares and stallions and Oklahoma-bred horses. No such horse shall compete in the races limited to Oklahoma-bred horses unless registered with the Commission. The Commission may prescribe such forms as are necessary to determine the eligibility of such horses. No person shall knowingly prepare or cause preparation of an application for registration of such foals which contains false information; and

4. Establish a schedule of fees for the registration of Oklahoma-domiciled mares and stallions and Oklahoma-bred horses sufficient to provide for all expenses incurred in the administration of the Oklahoma Breeding Development Fund Special Account.

D. The Commission may contract with and designate an official registering agency to implement the registration of horses and the payment of awards from the Oklahoma Breeding Development Fund Special Account. The official registering agency shall operate under the supervision of the Commission and be subject to the rules and regulations of the Commission. The official registering agency shall receive no compensation except fees received for registration of horses.

E. The State Auditor and Inspector shall audit the Oklahoma Breeding Development Fund Special Account on an annual basis. The expense of the audit shall be paid from said Special Account.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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