

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

3 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1097

By: Stites and Glover of the
House

6 and

7 Dickerson of the Senate
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12 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act;
13 amending 3A O.S. 1991, Section 203.4, as last amended
14 by Section 2, Chapter 370, O.S.L. 1998 (3A O.S. Supp.
15 1998, Section 203.4), which relates to compensation
16 of certain track personnel; modifying source of
17 compensation of certain track personnel; providing an
18 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 3A O.S. 1991, Section 203.4, as
21 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 370, O.S.L. 1998 (3A O.S. Supp.
22 1998, Section 203.4), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 203.4 A. ~~1~~. At each pari-mutuel race meeting held
24 pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act the
25 Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission shall employ three individuals to
26 be stewards. At non-pari-mutuel race meetings and for training
27 races, the organization licensee may employ its own stewards in
28 accordance with the rules of the American Quarter Horse Association
29 or have the Commission employ the stewards as provided in this
30 subsection. The Commission shall designate one of the individuals
31 as chief steward and the other two individuals as assistant
32 stewards. If employed by the Commission, the compensation of the

1 stewards, including but not limited to salaries, benefits and other
2 reimbursable expenses as determined by the Commission, shall be paid
3 by the Commission ~~and the Commission shall be reimbursed by the~~
4 ~~organization licensee. Said reimbursed funds shall be deposited by~~
5 ~~the Commission to the credit of the General Revenue Fund of the~~
6 ~~State Treasury.~~

7 ~~2. Reimbursement of the Commission by the organization licensee~~
8 ~~pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection shall be suspended for~~
9 ~~two (2) years, effective July 1, 1997.~~

10 B. ~~1.~~ All other racing personnel shall be employed for race
11 meetings as the Commission deems necessary. All other racing
12 personnel required by the Commission at non-pari-mutuel race
13 meetings or training races may be employed by the organization
14 licensee in accordance with the rules of the American Quarter Horse
15 Association. The compensation of racing personnel employed by the
16 Commission, including but not limited to salaries, benefits and
17 reimbursable expenses, shall be paid by the Commission ~~and, except~~
18 ~~for license clerks, the Commission shall be reimbursed by the~~
19 ~~organization licensee. Said reimbursed funds shall be deposited by~~
20 ~~the Commission to the credit of the General Revenue Fund of the~~
21 ~~State Treasury.~~

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24 ~~two (2) years, effective July 1, 1997.~~

25 C. The stewards and other racing officials at pari-mutuel race
26 meetings, at non-pari-mutuel race meetings and at training races
27 shall enforce the rules and regulations of the Commission and the
28 provisions of the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act in the manner provided
29 by law and shall render written reports of the activities and
30 conduct of the race meetings to the Commission. In enforcing the
31 rules of the Commission and officiating at races, the stewards shall
32 not be required to comply with provisions of the Oklahoma Open

1 Meeting Act but shall be required to comply with applicable
2 provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1999.

4 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
5 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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