

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2545

By: Hyman

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to amusements and sports; enacting the Non-Pari-Mutuel Equine Race Track Regulatory Act; providing short title; stating purpose and scope of regulation; providing for permits, licenses, and fees; providing penalty; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 235.1 of Title 3A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Non-Pari-Mutuel Equine Race Track Regulatory Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 235.2 of Title 3A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The purpose of the Non-Pari-Mutuel Equine Race Track Regulatory Act is to regulate and license non-pari-mutuel race track facilities at which horses are match raced for exhibition or for any type of prize or purse.

B. The provisions of the Non-Pari-Mutuel Equine Race Track Regulatory Act shall apply to any non-pari-mutuel race track, other than training tracks or facilities, where any type of fee is charged for admission, parking, or to race a horse.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 235.3 of Title 3A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any race track facility that holds non-pari-mutuel match races shall be licensed by the board of county commissioners for the county in which the facility is located. Each applicant requesting a license pursuant to this section shall include with the application an inspection permit issued by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry and a nonrefundable license fee in an amount set by the Board, but not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). Any license issued pursuant to this subsection must be renewed annually.

B. Monies received from the license fee shall be distributed as follows:

1. One-third (1/3) to the county general fund;
2. One-third (1/3) to the county sheriff department; and
3. One-third (1/3) to the county highway fund for the district in which the race track is located.

C. Prior to the issuance of a license pursuant to this section, the board of county commissioners may require the applicant to file a bond payable to the county in an amount set by the board, but not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 235.4 of Title 3A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Prior to receiving a license pursuant to Section 3 of this act, a race track facility shall obtain an inspection permit from the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry. The Department shall inspect the facility and health records of the horses participating in any match races. A fee shall be assessed for the permit in an amount set by the Department that will cover all costs incurred by the Department pursuant to this section.

B. The Department shall provide to the race track facility a list of approved equine veterinarians, one of which shall be present

at all races. The costs associated with the veterinarian shall be borne by the race track facility.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 235.5 of Title 3A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Any person convicted of violating any provision of the Non-Pari-Mutuel Equine Race Track Regulatory Act shall be guilty of a felony and shall be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or be imprisoned for a period of not more than ten (10) years or both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

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