STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

HOUSE BILL 1886 By: Armes

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to amusements and sports; amending 3A O.S. 2011, Section 208.2, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 177, O.S.L. 2012 (3A O.S. Supp. 2012, Section 208.2), which relates to race meetings; establishing preference system; providing approval authority over certain contracts; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 3A O.S. 2011, Section 208.2, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 177, O.S.L. 2012 (3A O.S. Supp. 2012, Section 208.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 208.2 A. Any fair association organized pursuant to the provisions of Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes for Agricultural Fair Corporations, the Free Oklahoma State Fair, Free District Fairs, and Agricultural and Industrial Expositions and Fairs or any existing county, district, or state fair as of January 1, 1983, which qualifies as an organization licensee may apply to the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission for one race meeting each year to

be held within the boundaries of the county where the fair association is located or at the racing enclosure of another organization licensee in the state that agrees to host the race meeting; provided however, if more than one organization licensee wishes to hold such race meeting for a fair association, preference shall be given by the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission to the organization licensee located in the county closest to the county where the fair association is located. Provided further, the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission shall have the authority to review and approve or deny any contract between a fair association and another organizational licensee for the purpose of running a race meeting as provided herein. The Commission may set the number of days and the dates of such race meeting requested by the fair association. A race meeting conducted by a fair association shall not exceed sixteen (16) days during a twenty-eight-consecutive-day period or a fair association shall be permitted to conduct a race meeting of twenty (20) to twenty-two (22) days during a thirty-eight-consecutive-day period. A race meeting conducted pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be conducted in such a manner that all net profit after payment of expenses of conducting the race meeting, including compensation to the organization licensee hosting the race meeting, shall accrue to the fair association.

B. Each organization licensee that, pursuant to this section, holds a race meeting at which the pari-mutuel system of wagering is

conducted shall retain the following amounts from the monies wagered:

1. On win, place, and show wagers, an amount equal to eighteen percent (18%) shall be retained and distributed as follows:

a. two-thirds (2/3) of the eighteen percent (18%) to the organization licensee, and

b. one-third (1/3) of the eighteen percent (18%) to purses for participating horses;

2. On race wagers involving two races or two horses, an amount equal to twenty-one percent (21%) shall be retained and distributed as follows:

a. one percent (1%) shall be remitted to the Commission, at such intervals as required by the Commission, for deposit in the Oklahoma Breeding and Development Fund Special Account for participating horses,

b. two-thirds (2/3) of the balance of the amount retained to the organization licensee, and

c. one-third (1/3) of the balance of the amount retained to purses for participating horses;

3. On race wagers involving three or more races or three or more horses, an amount equal to not less than twenty-one percent (21%) nor more than twenty-five percent (25%) shall be retained and distributed as follows:

a. one percent (1%) shall be remitted to the Commission, at such intervals as required by the Commission, for deposit in the Oklahoma Breeding and Development Fund Special Account for participating horses,

b. two-thirds (2/3) of the balance of the amount retained to the organization licensee, and

c. one-third (1/3) of the balance of the amount retained to purses for participating horses; and

4. a. Wagers conducted pursuant to Section 205.7 of this title by an organization licensee pursuant to this section whether or not such wagers are accepted during the live race meeting of the organization licensee shall be exempt from the provisions of subsection E of Section 205.7 of this title.

b. Except as otherwise provided by law, the amount remaining after the deduction made pursuant to the provisions of subsection D of Section 205.7 of this title and after the contractual payment to the out-of-state host racing organization shall be distributed as follows: an amount equal to two percent (2%) of the monies wagered shall be distributed to the organization licensee and the balance shall be distributed as follows:

(1) fifty percent (50%) to the organization licensee, and

(2) fifty percent (50%) to the organization licensee to be distributed as purses.

C. Any organization licensed pursuant to this section and conducting pari-mutuel wagering on races being run at another organization licensee within the State of Oklahoma shall retain from the monies being wagered an amount equal to the amount being retained from wagers by the sending track. The amount of money retained shall be distributed as follows:

1. Fifty percent (50%) to the organization licensee; and

2. Fifty percent (50%) to the organization licensee as purses for participating horses.

D. The Commission shall issue occupation licenses for personnel of organization licensees licensed pursuant to this section. Each occupation license shall be issued pursuant to Section 204.2 of this title except that the occupation license fee shall not be more than Ten Dollars ($10.00) excluding fingerprinting fees.

E. All monies retained or to be distributed for purses shall be held in trust by the Horsemen's Bookkeeper pursuant to Section 208.13 of this title for the duly designated horsemen's organization for purses.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2013.

SECTION 3. 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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