

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 SENATE BILL 553

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to the horse racing industry;  
7 creating the Oklahoma Horse Racing Industry  
8 Improvement Task Force; providing for membership;  
9 specifying meeting procedures; providing for  
10 reimbursement method; providing for staffing; stating  
11 purpose; providing for codification; providing an  
12 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 210.1 of Title 3A, unless there  
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. There is hereby created, to continue until December 31,  
18 2013, the "Oklahoma Horse Racing Industry Improvement Task Force".

19 B. The task force shall consist of six (6) members as follows:

20 1. Two members shall be appointed by the Governor;

21 2. Two members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore  
22 of the Senate; and

23 3. Two members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House  
24 of Representatives.

1 C. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of  
2 the House of Representatives shall each designate one member to  
3 serve as cochairs of the task force. The cochairs shall convene the  
4 first meeting of the task force. The members of the task force  
5 shall elect any other officers during the first meeting and upon a  
6 vacancy in any office. The task force shall meet as often as  
7 necessary.

8 D. Appointments to the task force shall be made by July 15,  
9 2013. Vacancies in any position shall be filled in the same manner  
10 as the original appointment.

11 E. A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute  
12 a quorum. A majority of the members present at a meeting may act  
13 for the task force.

14 F. Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed  
15 for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of duties  
16 in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the  
17 Oklahoma Statutes.

18 G. Administrative support for the task force including, but not  
19 limited to, personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance of  
20 the duties and responsibilities of the task force shall be provided  
21 by the staff of the House of Representatives and the Senate. All  
22 participating state agencies shall provide for any administrative  
23 support requested by the task force.

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1 H. The task force shall study the restructuring of the Oklahoma  
2 Horse Racing Commission and adopting any rules to improve the horse  
3 racing industry and breeding operations.

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

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

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