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SYNOPSIS

Permits wagers to be placed at racetracks or casino simulcasting facilities in advance for races not simulcast at facility under certain circumstances if race is simulcast at other facilities in the State.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning wagers on certain simulcast horse races and
2 amending P.L.2006, c.19.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.2006, c.19 (C.5:5-22.2) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the
10 contrary, the New Jersey Racing Commission, in effectuating its
11 responsibilities under P.L.1940, c.17 (C.5:5-22 et seq.), the
12 "Simulcasting Racing Act," P.L.1985, c.269 (C.5:5-110 et seq.), the
13 "Off-Track and Account Wagering Act," P.L.2001, c.199 (C.5:5-
14 127 et seq.), and the "Casino Simulcasting Act," P.L.1992, c.19
15 (C.5:12-191 et seq.), and under such circumstances and for such
16 races as the commission shall deem appropriate, shall:

17 a. at the request of a permitholder, allow a permitholder to offer
18 a future wager consisting of wagering on prospective entrants for
19 specific races, with wagering conducted in advance, one or more
20 parimutuel pools formed and closed on dates prior to the date of the
21 race, and all wagers considered final and no refunds paid even if,
22 for any reason, an entrant fails to participate in the race;

23 b. provide that the minimum wager amount that may be placed
24 on a horse race may be \$0.10 or greater;

25 c. provide that, after three years following the date of purchase,
26 unclaimed cash vouchers shall be paid 50% to the permitholder at
27 the location where purchased and 50% to the purse account at the
28 location where purchased, provided that if the permitholder
29 conducts both harness and thoroughbred races the purse amount
30 shall be divided equally between the harness and thoroughbred
31 purse accounts;

32 d. at the request of a permitholder or the operator of a casino
33 simulcasting facility, allow the permitholder or the operator of a
34 casino simulcasting facility to accept a wager in advance of a race
35 at an in-State or out-of-State sending track under a simulcast
36 agreement without receiving a simulcast transmission thereof or
37 displaying live video thereof when: (1) the race is to be conducted
38 between the hours of 11:00 PM and 11:00 AM local New Jersey
39 time, or at such other times as the commission shall permit due to
40 extenuating circumstances; or (2) at other times, as the commission
41 shall permit, when a racetrack, off-track wagering facility, or casino
42 simulcasting facility is temporarily closed due to the hosting of an
43 event at that facility that warrants the closure of that facility for a
44 period not to exceed 24 hours, provided that a simulcast
45 transmission of that race is received and displayed under a

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 simulcast transmission agreement at any other racetrack, off-track
2 wagering facility, or casino simulcasting facility in this State; and

3 e. allow a permitholder to pay an amount due a winning
4 ticketholder, notwithstanding that the ticketholder is unable to
5 produce the actual ticket, if the permitholder is able to verify
6 independently through electronic or other means approved by the
7 commission that the ticketholder purchased the ticket.

8 (cf: P.L.2006, c.19, s.1)

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10 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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15 Under current law, at the request of a licensed racetrack or the
16 operator of a casino simulcasting facility, the New Jersey Racing
17 Commission (NJRC) may allow the racetrack or operator to accept
18 a wager in advance of horse races to be conducted at in-State or out-
19 of-State racetracks, without such racetrack or casino simulcasting
20 facility receiving a simulcast transmission of the race and
21 displaying live video of it, when the race is to be conducted
22 between the hours of 11:00 PM and 11:00 AM local New Jersey
23 time, or at such other times as permitted by the NJRC due to
24 extenuating circumstances.

25 This bill provides that the acceptance of such wager in advance
26 shall also be permitted by the NJRC without receiving a
27 transmission and displaying live video when the racetrack, off-track
28 wagering facility, or casino simulcasting facility will be temporarily
29 closed due to the hosting of an event at that facility that warrants
30 the closure of that facility for a period not to exceed 24 hours,
31 provided that a simulcast transmission of that race is received and
32 displayed under a simulcast transmission agreement at any other
33 racetrack, off-track wagering facility, or casino simulcasting facility
34 in this State.