

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 103, *approved May 28, 1997*  
Senate, No. 1250

1 AN ACT concerning the membership of the New Jersey Horse Racing  
2 Injury Compensation Board and amending P.L.1995, c.329.

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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 4 of P.L.1995, c.329 (C.34:15-132) is amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 4. There is hereby established the "New Jersey Horse Racing Injury  
10 Compensation Board," which shall be in, but not of, the Department  
11 of Law and Public Safety.

12 a. The board shall consist of ~~[six]~~ seven members as follows: the  
13 Commissioner of Insurance, or his designee; the Attorney General, or  
14 his designee; one member of the New Jersey Racing Commission  
15 elected by the members of the commission, or his designee; and ~~[three]~~  
16 four members of the horse racing industry appointed by the Governor,  
17 one of whom shall represent the thoroughbred industry, one of whom  
18 shall represent the standardbred industry ~~[and]~~, one of whom shall  
19 represent the racetrack owners and one of whom shall represent  
20 jockeys regularly riding at New Jersey racetracks. In making these  
21 appointments, the Governor shall take into consideration the  
22 recommendations of the thoroughbred and standardbred industries  
23 ~~[and]~~, the racetrack owners and the organization which represents the  
24 largest number of jockeys regularly riding at New Jersey racetracks,  
25 respectively.

26 b. Members of the board shall serve without compensation but may  
27 be reimbursed for their expenses out of the administrative funds of the  
28 board.

29 c. The affirmative vote of at least four members shall constitute a  
30 majority for the transaction of any business and a quorum shall consist  
31 of a simple majority.

32 (cf: P.L.1995, c.329, s.4)

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34 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

## STATEMENT

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3       This bill increases the number of members serving on the New  
4 Jersey Horse Racing Injury Compensation Board from six to seven.  
5 The additional member will be appointed by the Governor and shall  
6 represent jockeys regularly riding at New Jersey racetracks. In making  
7 the appointment, the Governor shall take into consideration the  
8 recommendations of the organization which represents the largest  
9 number of New Jersey jockeys (currently the Jockeys' Guild, Inc.). A  
10 similar board in New York State includes a jockey representative. In  
11 addition, since many jockeys began their careers as apprentices or  
12 exercise riders, the member appointed to represent jockeys would be  
13 able to understand and express the interests of other track employees.

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18 Increases membership of New Jersey Horse Racing Injury  
19 Compensation Board from six to seven by addition of a member who  
20 represents New Jersey jockeys.