

No. 31

AN ACT

HB 1457

Amending the act of December 22, 1959 (P.L.1978), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for and regulating harness racing with pari-mutuel wagering on the results thereof; creating the State Harness Racing Commission as a departmental administrative commission within the Department of Agriculture and defining its powers and duties; providing for the establishment and operation of harness racing plants subject to local option; imposing taxes on revenues of such plants; disposing of all moneys received by the commission and all moneys collected from the taxes; authorizing penalties; and making appropriations," further regulating employment or holding of offices by certain employes or officers.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 7.2, act of December 22, 1959 (P.L.1978), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for and regulating harness racing with pari-mutuel wagering on the results thereof; creating the State Harness Racing Commission as a departmental administrative commission within the Department of Agriculture and defining its powers and duties; providing for the establishment and operation of harness racing plants subject to local option; imposing taxes on revenues of such plants; disposing of all moneys received by the commission and all moneys collected from the taxes; authorizing penalties; and making appropriations," added July 17, 1963 (P.L.256), is amended to read:

Section 7.2. Prohibition of Interest by Public Officers, Public Employes and Party Officers in Pari-mutuel Racing Activities.—(a) No public officer, public employe or party officer shall:

- (1) Hold any license from the State Harness Racing Commission; or
- (2) Own or hold, directly or indirectly, any proprietary interest, stock or obligation of any firm, association or corporation (i) which is licensed by such commission to conduct pari-mutuel racing, or (ii) which is licensed to conduct its occupation, trade or business at race tracks at which pari-mutuel race meets are conducted, or (iii) which owns or leases to any licensed association or corporation a race track at which pari-mutuel racing is conducted, or (iv) which participates in the management of any licensee conducting pari-mutuel racing; or
- (3) Hold any office or employment with any firm, association or corporation specified in clause (2) of this section; or
- (4) Sell (or be a member of a firm or own ten per centum or more of the stock of any corporation which sells) any goods or services to any firm, association or corporation specified in clause (2) of this section.

The provisions of clause (3) of this subsection (a) shall not apply to a public employe of a political subdivision (other than a police officer or paid employe of a police department, sheriff's office, district attorney's office

or other law enforcement agency) whose compensation is less than [six thousand dollars (\$6000)] *twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000)* per annum: Provided, however, That such employment of employes of a political subdivision may be prohibited by ordinance, resolution or local law adopted by the local legislative body or other governing board of such political subdivision.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 25th day of February, A. D. 1972.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 31.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.