

No. 1984-76

AN ACT

HB 922

Amending the act of December 17, 1981 (P.L.435, No.135), entitled "An act providing for the regulation of pari-mutuel thoroughbred horse racing and harness horse racing activities; imposing certain taxes and providing for the disposition of funds from pari-mutuel tickets," providing for monitoring of wagering on video screens and for experimental simulcasting.

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

Section 1. The act of December 17, 1981 (P.L.435, No.135), known as the Race Horse Industry Reform Act, is amended by adding sections to read: **Section 233. Monitoring of wagering on video screens.**

Every corporation licensed to conduct pari-mutuel betting shall display on video screens the approximate odds or approximate will-pays on each horse for each race as well as any combination of races including, but not limited to, quinellas, exactas, perfectas and any other combination or pool of races. No display of approximate odds or approximate will-pays shall be required where the wager is on horses in four or more races, such as "Pick 4, Pick 5 or Pick 6." In addition to displaying the amount of money wagered, the approximate odds or approximate will-pays on each horse or combination of horses shall be shown on video screens in each wagering division. For trifectas, in lieu of odds or approximate will-pays, the amount of money being wagered on each horse to win in the trifecta pool shall be displayed on video screens separately from any other information. The above required information shall be displayed from the opening of bets or wagering and be continually displayed until the wagering is closed. At least one video screen in each wagering division shall display the amount of money wagered on each horse involved in any trifecta pool.

Section 234. Experimental simulcasting.

The State Harness Racing Commission may, upon request from a licensed corporation, grant permission to one corporation, on an experimental basis, to simulcast intrastate harness racing at a facility at which less than 80 days of racing was conducted in the calendar year 1983. The period of experimental simulcasting shall be through November 1984. Neither the racing facility or licensed corporation at such facility shall transmit any simulcast signal to any other racing facility. Simulcasts are to be operated by the licensed corporation at the racetrack enclosure where a harness race meeting is being conducted during, between, before or after posted races for that racing day. All forms of pari-mutuel wagering described in section 221 shall be allowed on races to be televised by simulcasting under this section. The State Harness Racing Commission may promulgate regulations on wagering and the operation of these races. All money wagered by patrons on these races shall be computed in the amount of money wagered each racing day for purposes of taxation under section 222.

Section 2. (a) The provisions of section 233 relating to monitoring of wagering shall take effect in 120 days.

(b) The remaining provisions of this act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 31st day of May, A. D. 1984.

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