

No. 1984-232

AN ACT

HB 1177

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," further regulating interstate simulcasting of horse races.

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

Section 1. Section 216 of the act of December 17, 1981 (P.L.435, No.135), known as the Race Horse Industry Reform Act, is amended to read:

Section 216. Interstate simulcastings of horse races.

Each commission may, upon request by any licensed corporation, grant permission for electronically televised simulcasts of horse races to be operated by the licensed corporation at the race track enclosure where a horse race meeting is being conducted during, between, before or after posted races for that racing day. *The posted races for that racing day shall include a minimum of eight live races, except, at thoroughbred tracks on the one day designated as Breeders' Cup Event Day, there shall be a minimum of five live races.* The simulcasts shall be limited to horse races conducted at facilities outside this Commonwealth and televised to race track enclosures within this Commonwealth. *The simulcasts shall also be limited to thoroughbred races designated as Grade I stakes, or the international equivalent thereto, with purses of at least \$100,000 standard bred races with purses of at least \$100,000; and other stakes races which have, in the opinion of the appropriate commission, significant value to the Pennsylvania racing industry. Cross simulcasting of the aforementioned races shall be permitted as long as the particular race is available to all race tracks in the Commonwealth which are operating live racing that day.* All simulcasts of horse races from outside this Commonwealth shall also comply with the provisions of the Interstate Horse Racing Act of 1978, 92 Stat. 1811, 15 USC 3001 et seq. All forms of pari-mutuel wagering as described under section 221 shall be allowed on horse races to be televised by simulcasting. Each commission may promulgate rules or regulations to regulate the wagering and the operation of these horse races. All moneys wagered by patrons on these horse races shall be computed in the amount of money wagered each racing day for purposes of taxation under section 222.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 21st day of December, A. D. 1984.

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