

No. 253

AN ACT

SB 1577

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," authorizing the employment of security personnel and defining their powers and duties.

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

Section 1. 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," is amended by adding, after section 10, a new section to read:

Section 10.1. Security Personnel; Powers and Duties.—The State Harness Racing Commission and any association licensed by the commission is hereby authorized and empowered to employ persons as security personnel. These persons shall possess the powers and duties of a peace officer with respect to the enforcement of the criminal laws of the Commonwealth within the race meeting grounds or enclosure. Such designated persons are also authorized and empowered to interrogate and eject from the race meeting grounds or enclosure any persons suspected of violating any rule or regulation promulgated by the State Harness Racing Commission. The State Harness Racing Commission and any association licensed by the commission may refuse admission to and eject from enclosure of the race track operated by any association, any person whose

presence there is, in the sole judgment of the association or commission, inconsistent with the orderly or proper conduct of a race meeting or whose presence or conduct is deemed detrimental to the best interest of harness racing. A person so refused admission or so ejected shall have all rights of appeal provided for under this act. A licensee may not refuse admission to or eject a law enforcement official. A person found within a race track enclosure after having been refused admission thereto or ejected therefrom shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1000) or undergo imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or both.

APPROVED—The 31st day of July, A. D. 1968.

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No. 254

AN ACT

SB 1578

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," clarifying provisions regarding the leasing of tracks; and further providing for certain licenses.

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

Section 1. Clause (3) of subsection (e) of section 7 and subsection (a) of section 9, act of December 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