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CHAPTER _____

An act to amend Section 19596.1 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 2035, Karnette. Horse racing.

Under existing law, the California Horse Racing Board is authorized to permit a harness or quarter horse association conducting a race meeting to accept wagers on the results of out-of-state, out-of-country, and sometimes other harness or quarter horse races, if specified conditions are met. One of these conditions is that, the association imports no more than 6 races on live racing days. Another is that, subject to specified conditions and limitations, if only one breed is being raced on a given live racing day, the live racing association may import additional races that would otherwise be simulcast by the association which is not racing.

This bill would allow an association permitted to import up to 6 races pursuant to the applicable provision above, if it imports fewer than the 6 races authorized for a given night, to later import races equal in number to those foregone, provided that no more than 2 races could be reserved or added on a single night of racing. This bill would provide that the total number of races imported under these provisions by an association in a calendar year may not exceed the total number of imported races authorized by the formulas in existing law.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 19596.1 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

19596.1. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the board may authorize a harness or quarter horse association conducting a race meeting to accept wagers on the results of out-of-state or out-of-country harness or quarter horse races and, with the board's approval and with the concurrence of the horsemen's organization contracting with the association, other designated harness or quarter horse races during the period it is



conducting the racing meeting, if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The authorization complies with federal laws, including, but not limited to, Chapter 57 (commencing with Section 3001) of Title 15 of the United States Code.

(2) Wagering is offered only within the racing inclosure and only within 36 hours of the running of the out-of-state feature race.

(3) The association conducts at least seven live races, and imports not more than six races on those days during a racing meeting when live races are being run, except as provided in subdivision (b).

(4) If only one breed of horse specified in this section is being raced on a given day, then the association conducting the live racing may import those races which would otherwise be simulcast by the association which is not racing, provided that the total number of harness or quarter horse races imported in a calendar year does not exceed the number of night races imported in 1998 after 5:30 p.m. After the usual deductions, including the portion for the racing association, the portion remaining for purses from these races shall be distributed equally for purses for harness horsemen and quarter horse horsemen.

(b) An association that is authorized to import races pursuant to subdivision (a) may, at its sole discretion, import fewer than the maximum number of harness or quarter horse races authorized in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a). For up to two races per night, for each race that is not imported under the maximum authorized by paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) on a particular night of racing, the association may add a race to the number of races allowable under the maximum authorization on another night of racing. However, no more than two races may be added under this subdivision to the number allowable on a single night, and the total number of imported races over a calendar year may not exceed the total number of imported races authorized pursuant to paragraphs (3) and (4) of subdivision (a).



Approved _____, 2002

Governor

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