

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1154

Introduced by Assembly Member Gray

February 22, 2013

An act to amend Section 19578 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1154, as introduced, Gray. Horse racing: equine drug testing: equine medical director.

Existing law provides that it is the intent of the Legislature that the California Horse Racing Board contract with the Regents of the University of California to provide equine drug testing. Existing law also requires the board to contract to provide compensation for an equine medical director, with specified duties and responsibilities, who shall advise the Kenneth L. Maddy Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory, located at the University of California at Davis, and be appointed by the Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine, as specified.

This bill would instead authorize the board to contract to provide compensation for an equine medical director.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 19578 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 19578. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the board
- 4 contract with the Regents of the University of California to provide

1 equine drug testing. It is further the intent of the Legislature that
2 to the extent that resources are available, the California Animal
3 Health and Food Safety Laboratory perform studies that may lead
4 to the development of alternative or improved drug testing
5 techniques.

6 (b) The Kenneth L. Maddy Equine Analytical Chemistry
7 Laboratory shall be located at the University of California at Davis
8 in order to take advantage of the expertise of the veterinary
9 specialists at that campus' School of Veterinary Medicine. The
10 laboratory shall be a part of the California Animal Health and Food
11 Safety Laboratory. Any capital outlay expenditures for the Kenneth
12 L. Maddy Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory shall comply
13 with Section 13332.11 of the Government Code.

14 (c) Funds collected under Article 9.2 (commencing with Section
15 19605) and Article 9.5 (commencing with Section 19610) for
16 purposes of the California Animal Health and Food Safety
17 Laboratory and the Center for Equine Health shall be deposited in
18 the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory and
19 Center for Equine Health Account in the Fair and Exposition Fund.
20 Funds deposited in that account constitute trust funds and shall be
21 held in trust and may be expended only for the purposes for which
22 those funds are authorized to be expended pursuant to this section.
23 The funds designated for the California Animal Health and Food
24 Safety Laboratory shall be distributed to that system and shall be
25 used to fund the construction costs, equipment costs, and for the
26 repayment of the principal of, interest on, and costs of issuance
27 of, and as security, including any coverage factor, pledged to the
28 payment of, bonds issued or other debt service or expense,
29 including repayment of any advances made or security required
30 by any provider of credit enhancement or liquidity for those bonds
31 or other indebtedness, or expense of maintaining that credit
32 enhancement or liquidity, incurred for the purpose of constructing
33 the Kenneth L. Maddy Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory,
34 and for the operating costs of the Kenneth L. Maddy Equine
35 Analytical Chemistry Laboratory. The funds designated for the
36 Center for Equine Health shall be distributed to the Center for
37 Equine Health, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of
38 California, Davis.

39 (d) Title to the Kenneth L. Maddy Equine Analytical Chemistry
40 Laboratory shall vest in the Regents of the University of California.

1 The laboratory shall be used in a manner that is consistent with
2 Section 19577 and this section.

3 (e) The board ~~shall~~ *may* contract to provide compensation for
4 an equine medical director who shall advise the Kenneth L. Maddy
5 Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory and be appointed by the
6 Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine under applicable
7 university hiring rules with the advice of the board. The equine
8 medical director shall be a member of the scientific advisory
9 committee to the Kenneth L. Maddy Equine Analytical Chemistry
10 Laboratory, and act as the primary advisor to the board on all
11 matters relating to medication and drug testing, the practice of
12 veterinary medicine within the areas regulated by the board, and
13 the health and safety of horses within the inclosure.

14 (f) The budget for equine drug testing to be performed by the
15 California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory pursuant
16 to Section 19577 shall be established as a permanent line item in
17 the budget of the board. Operating budget requests shall be
18 submitted annually by the university, and the board shall transfer
19 funds appropriated for the operation of the laboratory and for
20 equipment, in accordance with the contract, to the university.

21 (g) The board and the University of California may expand the
22 services provided by the laboratory to the board in a manner that
23 is mutually agreeable and is consistent with Section 19577 and
24 this section.

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