

Assembly Bill No. 3106

CHAPTER 594

An act to add and repeal Section 19613.7 of, and to repeal, add, and repeal Section 19613 of, the Business and Professions Code, relating to horseracing.

[Approved by Governor September 15, 1996. Filed with Secretary of State September 17, 1996.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 3106, Hoge. Horseracing: organizations representing horsemen and horsewomen.

Existing law requires any association other than a fair that conducts a thoroughbred racing meeting to pay to the owners' organization contracting with the association with respect to the conduct of racing meetings for administrative expenses and services rendered to owners, an amount not to exceed $\frac{2}{3}$ of 1% of the portion deducted for purses, and to a trainers' organization for administrative expenses and services rendered to trainers and backstretch employees an amount equivalent to $\frac{1}{3}$ of 1% of the portion deducted for purses.

This bill would increase the amounts to be paid to those organizations to $\frac{2}{3}$ of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to the owners' organization, and $\frac{1}{3}$ of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to the trainers' organization until January 1, 1999. This bill would also require all organizations representing horsemen and horsewomen and trainers to submit an annual report, until January 1, 1999, of their expenditures from the previous calendar year to the California Horse Racing Board.

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

SECTION 1. Section 19613 of the Business and Professions Code is repealed.

SEC. 2. Section 19613 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

19613. (a) Except as provided in subdivisions (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f), the portion deducted for purses pursuant to this chapter shall be paid to or for the benefit of the horsemen at the racing meeting.

(b) Any association other than a fair that conducts a thoroughbred racing meeting shall pay to the owners' organization contracting with the association with respect to the conduct of racing meetings for administrative expenses and services rendered to owners, an amount not to exceed two-thirds of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ percent of the portion, and to a trainers' organization for administrative expenses and services rendered to trainers and backstretch employees an amount



equivalent to one-third of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ percent of the portion. That association shall also pay an amount for a pension plan for backstretch personnel to be administered by the trainers' organization equivalent to an additional 1 percent of the portion. The remainder of the portion shall be distributed as purses.

(c) Any other association may pay to the horsemen's organization contracting with the association with respect to the conduct of racing meetings for administrative expenses and services rendered to horsemen an amount out of the portion as may be determined by the association by agreement or otherwise, but, in all events, shall include, relative to a thoroughbred horsemen's organization racing, 1 percent of the portion for a pension plan for backstretch personnel to be administered by the trainers' organization. The remainder of the portion shall be distributed as purses.

(d) Notwithstanding subdivisions (b) and (c), any association conducting a fair racing meeting or conducting a mixed breed racing meeting shall pay to the horsemen's organizations contracting with the association with respect to the conduct of races for their respective breeds of horses at the meetings for administrative expenses and services rendered to their respective horsemen those amounts out of the portion as determined by the horsemen's organization for the respective breeds with the approval of the board.

Pursuant to this subdivision, amounts not to exceed 3 percent of the portion for the owners' and trainers' organizations shall be distributed to any thoroughbred owners' and trainers' organizations contracting with an association for a fair racing meeting or participating in mixed breed racing meetings as follows: two-thirds of one percent to the owners' organization and one-third of 1 percent to the trainers' organization for administrative expenses and services rendered to both owners and trainers, 1 percent for welfare funds, and 1 percent for a pension program for backstretch personnel, to be administered by the thoroughbred trainers' organization.

(e) Any association other than a fair that conducts a quarter horse racing meeting, except a mixed breed meeting, shall pay to the horsemen's organization contracting with the association with respect to the conduct of racing meetings for administrative expenses and services rendered to horsemen an amount equal to its expenses, but not to exceed 3 percent of the portion. The remainder of the portion shall be distributed as purses.

(f) For racing meetings other than thoroughbred meetings, if no contract has been signed between the association conducting the racing meeting and the organization representing the horsemen by the time the racing meeting commences, the distribution of purses shall be governed by the following:

(1) If the association conducted a racing meeting within the past 15 months and a contract was in existence for that meeting with the horsemen's organization and the association is conducting a



subsequent meeting for the same breed or mixed breeds, the amounts payable to the horsemen's organization under subdivision (c) shall be computed under the provisions of the last signed contract between the parties.

(2) This subdivision applies regardless of the cause of the failure to execute a contract, whether that failure is a result of inadvertence or otherwise.

(3) For racing meetings that do not come within paragraph (1), the board shall, within 15 days after the commencement of the racing meeting, determine the amounts payable to the horsemen's organization for administrative expenses and services, and provide for the direct payment of those amounts.

(g) Amounts distributed pursuant to this section are derived from owners' purses.

(h) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Owner" means a person currently licensed by the board as an owner of a thoroughbred racehorse.

(2) "Trainer" means a person currently licensed by the board as an owner and trainer or as a trainer of a thoroughbred racehorse.

(i) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 1999, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 1999, deletes or extends that date.

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(c) Any other association may pay to the horsemen's organization contracting with the association with respect to the conduct of racing meetings for administrative expenses and services rendered to horsemen an amount out of the portion as may be determined by the association by agreement or otherwise, but, in all events, shall include, relative to a thoroughbred horsemen's organization racing, 1 percent of the portion for a pension plan for backstretch personnel



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(i) This section shall become operative on January 1, 1999.

SEC. 4. (a) All organizations representing horsemen and horsewomen, and trainers as defined in Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 19400) of Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code, shall submit an audited report of all expenditures from the previous calendar year to the California Horse Racing Board, which report shall be published as part of the board's annual report pursuant to Section 19441 of the Business and Professions Code.

(b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 1999, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which is enacted before January 1, 1999, deletes or extends that date.

