

Date of Hearing: April 19, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

Adam Gray, Chair

AB 1723 (Committee on Governmental Organization) – As Introduced March 16, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Horse Racing Law

**SUMMARY:** Makes minor code maintenance changes to the Horse Racing Law to reflect current circumstances.

- 1) Repeals a provision in current law that requires the respective Senate and Assembly Committees on Governmental Organization to receive an annual expenditure report from the Thoroughbred owners' organization relating to monies deducted from purses to help fund a national marketing program, as specified.
- 2) Existing law provides that all money representing penalties or fines imposed by the stewards of a horse race meeting be collected by the licensee of the meeting and paid to the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) within 10 days after its close. This bill would clarify that the moneys be paid to the CHRB within 10 business days.

**EXISTING LAW:**

- 1) Provides that California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) shall regulate the various forms of horse racing authorized in this state.
- 2) Provides that CHRB shall have all powers necessary to carry out the purposes of the Horse Racing Law, such as adopting rules and regulations to protect the public, allocating dates for and controlling horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering, and enforcing all rules and regulations.
- 3) Provides that until January 1, 2018, any racing association, including a fair that conducts thoroughbred racing to pay to the owners' organization contracting with the association with respect to the conduct of thoroughbred racing an additional 13/4% of the portion required to be deducted for purses for a national marketing program, as specified. Requires an owners' organization to annually file a report with the board and specified committees of the Legislature accounting for the receipt and expenditure of these funds.
- 4) Provides that all money representing penalties or fines imposed by the stewards of a horse race meeting be collected by the licensee of the meeting and paid to the board within 10 days after its close.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Unknown

**COMMENTS:**

This bill represents the annual Assembly Governmental Organization Committee clean-up bill that makes clarifying, technical and non-controversial changes to existing statute.

Related legislation. SB 165 (Portantino) of 2017. This bill extends the sunset date from January 1, 2018, to January 1, 2022, that requires any racing association or fair that conducts

thoroughbred racing to pay a specified amount from owner's purses to help fund a national marketing program. (Pending in Senate Appropriations Committee)

Prior legislation. AB 2765 (Committee on Governmental Organization, Chapter 430, Statutes of 2014). Among other things, reauthorized, until January 1, 2018, California's participation in the NTRA marketing program and extended the sunset date from January 1, 2015, to January 1, 2019, for the statewide marketing organization.

AB 2792 (Committee on Governmental Organization, Chapter 272, Statutes of 2010). Among other things, extended the sunset date, from January 1, 2011, to January 1, 2014, on California's participation in the NTRA.

AB 1736 (Committee on Governmental Organization, Chapter 444, Statutes of 2007). Among other things, extended the sunset date on California's participation in the NTRA and the statewide marketing organization.

AB 2502 (Wyland, Chapter 90, Statutes of 2002). Extended the sunset date until January 1, 2008, on California's participation in the NTRA.

SB 103 (Maddy, Chapter 10, Statutes of 1998). Authorized, until January 1, 2004, the thoroughbred racing associations and fairs to set aside some money from purses for the purpose of joining the NTRA.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:****Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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