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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to horse and dog racing at racetracks licensed
2 for pari-mutuel wagering, by providing for the simultaneous
3 telecast of races, and imposing a fee on certain pari-mutuel
4 wagering and making payments to promote Iowa-bred horses and
5 dogs.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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S-3136

1 Amend Senate File 427 as follows:
2 1. Page 1, lines 19 and 20, by striking the
3 words: "and the national greyhound association".

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1 Section 1. Section 99D.2, Code 1991, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. "Handle" means the total amount of
4 money wagered on a race.

5 Sec. 2. Section 99D.11, subsection 6, paragraph b, Code
6 1991, is amended to read as follows:

31567 b. The commission may authorize the licensee to
8 simultaneously telecast within the racetrack enclosure for the
9 purpose of pari-mutuel wagering on a horse or dog race
10 licensed by the racing authority of another state. It is the
11 responsibility of each licensee to obtain the consent of
12 appropriate racing officials in other states as required by
13 the federal Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978, 15 U.S.C. §
14 3001-3007, to televise races for the purpose of conducting
15 pari-mutuel wagering. The interstate simulcasting of dog
16 races originating outside of this state shall be limited to
17 four racing days annually. The interstate simulcasting of dog
18 races originating within this state shall be allowed only with
19 the permission of the state greyhound breeders group and the
20 national greyhound association. A licensee may also obtain
21 the permission of a person licensed by the commission to
22 conduct horse or dog races in this state to televise races
23 conducted by that person for the purpose of conducting pari-
24 mutuel racing. However, arrangements made by a licensee to
25 televise any race for the purpose of conducting pari-mutuel
26 wagering are subject to the approval of the commission, and
27 the commission shall select the races to be televised. The
28 races selected by the commission shall be the same for all
29 licensees approved by the commission to televise races for the
30 purpose of conducting pari-mutuel wagering. ~~The commission~~
31 ~~shall not authorize the simultaneous telecast or televising of~~
32 ~~and a licensee shall not simultaneously telecast or televise~~
33 ~~any horse or dog race for the purpose of conducting pari-~~
34 ~~mutuel wagering unless the simultaneous telecast or televising~~
35 ~~is done at the racetrack of the licensee on a day when there~~

1 ~~are-horse-or-dog-races-being-held-at-the-racetrack:~~ To
2 qualify for permission to simultaneously telecast or televise
3 dog or horse races on days when live races are conducted, a
4 licensee of a dog racetrack must have an annual schedule of
5 dog races of at least one hundred eighty racing days with a
6 minimum of ten live races per day and a licensee of a horse
7 racetrack must have an annual schedule of horse races of at
8 least one hundred twenty racing days with a minimum of seven
9 live races per day. If the minimum number of live races are
10 scheduled annually, the commission may also authorize the
11 qualifying licensees to simulanteously telecast or televise
12 additional dog or horse races, as applicable, on days without
13 live races. The commission may authorize the licensees of dog
14 racetracks to simultaneously telecast or televise up to four
15 days of horse racing annually and the licensees of horse
16 racetracks to simultaneously telecast or televise up to four
17 days of dog racing annually. For purposes of the taxes
18 imposed under this chapter, races televised by a licensee for
19 purposes of pari-mutuel wagering shall be treated as if the
20 races were held at the racetrack of the licensee. For
21 intrastate simulcast races, a minimum of three percent of the
22 dog pari-mutuel handle at a horse racetrack and a minimum of
23 three percent of the horse pari-mutuel handle at a dog
24 racetrack shall be added to the general purse fund at the
25 respective racetracks. Also, a minimum of three percent of
26 the pari-mutuel handle at a racetrack receiving simulcast
27 races shall be transferred to the racetrack sending the
28 simulcast races for deposit in the general purse fund of the
29 sending track. For a horse racetrack, the percentage of the
30 dog pari-mutuel handle shall be divided proportionately
31 according to the season's handle for each type of horse race
32 to the thoroughbred, quarterhorse, and harness horse purse
33 funds.

34 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 99D.15A PROMOTION FEES.

35 A fee of one percent is imposed, for the public purpose of

1 promoting Iowa-bred horses and dogs, on the handle of each
2 multiple or exotic wager by the pari-mutuel method involving
3 more than one horse or dog at each horse or dog race track.
4 The fee shall be deducted by the licensee and distributed as
5 if the fee were breakage as provided in section 99D.12.

6 EXPLANATION

7 This bill provides that licensees of dog racetracks and
8 horse racetracks must schedule a minimum number of live race
9 days to be eligible to simultaneously telecast or televise dog
10 or horse races, as applicable. A horse racetrack must have an
11 annual schedule of at least 120 racing days and a dog
12 racetrack must have an annual schedule of at least 180 racing
13 days. The commission may also authorize licensees of dog
14 racetracks to simultaneously televise or telecast four days of
15 horse races annually and the licensees of horse racetracks to
16 simultaneously televise or telecast four days of dog races
17 annually.

18 The simulcasting of races interstate is limited to four
19 days of racing annually.

20 For intrastate simulcast races, the bill provides for a
21 minimum of three percent of dog pari-mutuel handles at horse
22 racetracks and a minimum of three percent of the horse pari-
23 mutuel handles at dog racetracks to be added to the general
24 purse fund at the respective tracks. Also, at least three
25 percent of the pari-mutuel handle at a racetrack receiving
26 simulcast races shall be transferred to the sending racetrack
27 for deposit in its general purse fund.

28 The dog pari-mutuel handle at a horse racetrack is to be
29 divided proportionately among the thoroughbred, quarterhorse,
30 and harness horse purses.

31 This bill also imposes a one percent fee on each multiple
32 or exotic wager involving more than one horse or dog at each
33 horse or dog race track. The fees are deducted by the
34 licensee under chapter 99D and distributed as breakage
35 according to section 99D.12. That section provides for the

1 distribution of moneys to support horse and dog breeding
2 industries in the state, to supplement purses won by Iowa-
3 foaled horses or Iowa-whelped dogs, and to promote racing in
4 the state.

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