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A BILL FOR

1 An Act modifying provisions relating to horse racing regulated
2 by the racing and gaming commission.

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

1 Section 1. Section 99D.13, subsection 1, Code 2018, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Winnings provided in [section 99D.11](#) not claimed by the
4 person who placed the wager ~~within sixty days~~ by March 1 of the
5 calendar year following the close of the racing meet during
6 which the wager was placed shall be forfeited.

7 Sec. 2. Section 99D.22, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
8 2018, is amended to read as follows:

9 a. (1) A licensee shall hold at least one race on each
10 racing day limited to Iowa-foaled horses or Iowa-whelped
11 dogs as defined by the department of agriculture and land
12 stewardship using standards consistent with [this section](#).
13 However, if sufficient competition cannot be had among that
14 class of horses or dogs on any day, another race for the day may
15 be substituted.

16 (2) If Iowa-foaled horses are in a race not limited to
17 Iowa-foaled horses that is not a stakes race, the licensee
18 shall allow any Iowa-foaled horse an additional three-pound
19 weight allowance beyond the stated conditions of the race.

20 Sec. 3. Section 99D.23, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2018, are
21 amended to read as follows:

22 1. The commission shall employ one or more chemists or
23 contract with a qualified chemical laboratory to determine
24 by chemical testing and analysis of saliva, urine, blood,
25 hair, or other excretions or body fluids whether a substance
26 or drug has been introduced which may affect the outcome of
27 a race or whether an action has been taken or a substance or
28 drug has been introduced which may interfere with the testing
29 procedure. The commission shall adopt rules under chapter
30 17A concerning procedures and actions taken on positive drug
31 reports. The commission may adopt by reference nationally
32 recognized standards as determined by the commission or may
33 adopt any other procedure or standard. The commission has the
34 authority to retain and preserve by freezing, test samples for
35 future analysis.

1 2. The commission shall employ or contract with one or
2 more veterinarians to extract or procure the saliva, urine,
3 blood, hair, or other excretions or body fluids of the horses
4 or dogs for the chemical testing purposes of **this section**. A
5 commission veterinarian shall be in attendance at every race
6 meeting held in this state.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

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the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10 This bill concerns horse racing governed by the racing and
11 gaming commission.

12 Code section 99D.13, concerning unclaimed winnings for
13 pari-mutuel wagering, is amended to provide that winnings
14 from a wager will be forfeited if not claimed by March 1 of
15 the calendar year following the close of the racing meet when
16 the wager was made. Current law provides that winnings are
17 forfeited if not claimed within 60 days of the close of the
18 racing meet.

19 Code section 99D.22, relating to native horses or dogs, is
20 amended to provide that if Iowa-foaled horses are in a race
21 that is not limited to Iowa horses and is not a stakes race,
22 the licensee shall allow any Iowa-foaled horse in that race an
23 additional three-pound weight allowance.

24 Code section 99D.23, concerning chemical testing relating to
25 horse and dog racing, is amended to authorize drug testing on
26 hair samples.