

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 187

BY REPRESENTATIVE THIBAUT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

RACING/HORSE: Makes changes to quarter horse racing at certain tracks

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 4:214.1(B), relative to horse racing; to provide for quarter horse  
3 racing at certain facilities; to provide for live racing dates; and to provide for related  
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 4:214.1(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §214.1. Minimum live racing dates; offtrack and other authorized wagering

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9 B. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at any facility  
10 where the purse revenue derived from slot machines is limited by law to a certain  
11 expressly stated number of slot machines, such facility shall maintain a minimum of  
12 eighty thoroughbred horse racing days conducted during twenty consecutive weeks  
13 and not less than ~~ten~~ twenty-four days of quarter horse racing conducted during ~~three~~  
14 six consecutive weeks. The racing days provided for in this Subsection shall be  
15 conducted within a fifty-two week period. The foregoing minimum racing  
16 requirements are mandatory unless the association is prevented from live racing as  
17 a result of a natural disaster, an act of God, force majeure, a catastrophe, or such  
18 other occurrence over which the association has no control. When a pari-mutuel  
19 wagering facility and a related offtrack betting facility are sold, the purchaser shall  
20 conduct the minimum number of live racing days, including the minimum quarter

1 horse racing days, required by this Section as a condition of operating the offtrack  
2 betting facility.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Increases quarter horse racing days at certain racing facilities from not less than 10 days to not less than 24 quarter horse racing days.

Present law prohibits an association from conducting offtrack wagering in La. unless it also conducts live horse racing for not less than 80 thoroughbred horse racing days conducted during 20 consecutive weeks and not less than 44 quarter horse racing days conducted during 11 consecutive weeks, except that at any facility where the purse revenue derived from slot machines is limited by law to a certain expressly stated number of slot machines, then the required quarter horse racing days at that facility shall be not less than 10 quarter horse racing days conducted during three consecutive weeks.

Proposed law retains present law, except changes present law quarter horse racing days at any facility where the purse revenue derived from slot machines is limited by law to a certain expressly stated number from not less than 10 quarter horse racing days conducted during three consecutive weeks to not less than 24 quarter horse racing days during six consecutive weeks.

(Amends R.S. 4:214.1(B))