

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 812

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUSTIN MILLER

RACING/HORSE: Provides relative to the maximum number of racing days

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 4:214.1, relative to horse racing facilities; to provide for racing  
3 days; to provide for an agreed upon reduction of racing days; to provide for  
4 thoroughbred race meets; to provide for satisfaction of requirements; and to provide  
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 4:214.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §214.1. Minimum live racing dates; offtrack and other authorized wagering

9 A. An association shall not be licensed to conduct offtrack or other  
10 authorized wagering in the state unless it conducts live horse racing for not less than  
11 one hundred thirty racing days within each fifty-two week period at the facility  
12 designated in its license. Of the required one hundred thirty racing days, not less  
13 than eighty-four days shall be thoroughbred horse racing days conducted during  
14 twenty-one consecutive weeks and not less than forty-six days shall be quarter horse  
15 racing days conducted during twelve consecutive weeks. The foregoing minimum  
16 racing requirements are mandatory unless the association is prevented from live  
17 racing as a result of a natural disaster, an act of God, force majeure, a catastrophe,  
18 or such other occurrence over which the association has no control. When a  
19 pari-mutuel wagering facility and a related offtrack betting facility are sold, the  
20 purchaser shall conduct the minimum number of live racing days, including the

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

3 B. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at any facility  
4 subject to the provisions of R.S. 27:372.1(A), ~~such~~ the facility shall maintain a  
5 minimum of eighty thoroughbred horse racing days conducted during twenty  
6 consecutive weeks and not less than ~~ten~~ fifteen days of quarter horse racing  
7 conducted during ~~three~~ five consecutive weeks. The racing days provided for in this  
8 Subsection shall be conducted within a fifty-two week period. The foregoing  
9 minimum racing requirements are mandatory unless the association is prevented  
10 from live racing as a result of a natural disaster, an act of God, force majeure, a  
11 catastrophe, or such other occurrence over which the association has no control.  
12 When a pari-mutuel wagering facility and a related offtrack betting facility are sold,  
13 the purchaser shall conduct the minimum number of live racing days, including the  
14 minimum quarter horse racing days, required by this Section as a condition of  
15 operating the offtrack betting facility.

16 C. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and upon agreement  
17 in writing of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association and the involved  
18 licensed eligible facility, the Louisiana State Racing Commission may approve the  
19 reduction of racing days for a specific thoroughbred race meet. If a reduction of  
20 racing days for a specific thoroughbred race meet is approved by the Louisiana State  
21 Racing Commission, the requirements of Subsections A and B of this Section are  
22 considered satisfied as pertaining to thoroughbred and total racing days required.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Makes changes to the number of minimum race days a facility is required to conduct.

Present law requires an association to conduct live horse racing for not less than 130 racing days within each of two 52 week periods in order to be licensed to conduct offtrack or other authorized wagering.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires not less than 84 of the required 130 racing days be thoroughbred racing days conducted during 21 consecutive weeks and not less than 46 days to be quarter horse racing days conducted during 12 consecutive weeks.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law creates certain exceptions to these rules.

Proposed law retains the exceptions provided in present law.

Present law provides procedures, relative to these requirements, to be followed when the facility is sold.

Proposed law retains the procedures provided in present law.

Present law requires any facility subject to the provisions of present law to maintain a minimum of 80 thoroughbred horse racing days conducted during 20 consecutive weeks.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires any facility subject to the provisions of present law to maintain not less than 10 days of quarter horse racing conducted during three consecutive weeks.

Proposed law changes present law to require the facility to maintain not less than 15 days of quarter horse racing conducted during five consecutive weeks.

Proposed law allows the Louisiana State Racing Commission to approve the reduction of racing days for a specific thoroughbred race meet, upon the agreement in writing of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association and the involved facility.

Proposed law provides that in the case of an approved reduction in days, the requirements of present law are considered satisfied.

(Amends R.S. 4:214.1)