

Senate Bill 853

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act increases the amount that the ORC may charge for licenses. (Flesch Readability Score: 74.8).

Increases the maximum amount of certain license fees charged by the Oregon Racing Commission.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to Oregon Racing Commission license fees; amending ORS 462.070 and 462.725; and de-
3 clarating an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 462.070 is amended to read:

6 462.070. (1) The Oregon Racing Commission may adopt rules establishing license fees for persons
7 described in ORS 462.020 (2), not to exceed [*\$30*] **\$150** per year. Prior to adopting a rule that es-
8 tablishes a fee for a license, the commission shall review the fees charged for similar licenses in
9 other states. The commission also may charge a reasonable fee for claiming certificates in an
10 amount not to exceed \$10.

11 (2) The license fee per fiscal year for operators of public training tracks or kennels required to
12 be licensed under ORS 462.020 (3) shall be:

13 (a) For the Oregon State Fair or a county or district fair, \$10.

14 (b) For all other operators of public training tracks or kennels, \$25.

15 (3) The commission may by rule provide for a license that is issued to a person described in ORS
16 462.020 (2) to be valid for one, two or three years from date of issuance. The commission may fix
17 the expiration date of the license and may prorate the fee established for the license.

18 **SECTION 2.** ORS 462.725 is amended to read:

19 462.725. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the Oregon Racing Commission
20 may adopt rules to:

21 (a) License and regulate all phases of operation of Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Inter-
22 active Wagering Totalizator Hubs located in Oregon; and

23 (b) Authorize and license Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator
24 Hubs to conduct simulcast broadcasting of, and mutuel wagering on, animal races, including previ-
25 ously held races on which mutuel wagering is lawful in Oregon.

26 (2) In addition to the other rules of operation adopted by the commission, the commission shall
27 adopt a rule setting the amount that may be taken from the gross receipts of the multi-jurisdictional
28 mutuel system.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (3) All employees working in Oregon and all officers of any Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting
2 and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hubs located and operating in Oregon must obtain a license
3 from the commission prior to the commencement of business or employment. The commission shall
4 adopt rules establishing license fees for the employees and officers, not to exceed [~~\$30~~] **\$150** per
5 year.

6 (4) Payments to be made to the commission include:

7 (a) Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hub license fee not
8 more than [~~\$200~~] **\$225** per operating day.

9 (b) Not more than one percent of total gross receipts of mutuel wagering recorded by the
10 totalizator system.

11 (5) Of the moneys received by the commission under subsection (4)(b) of this section, 25 percent
12 shall be paid to the State Treasurer for deposit in the General Fund and 75 percent shall be retained
13 by the commission. The commission may adopt rules under which the moneys retained by the com-
14 mission may be distributed for the benefit of the Oregon pari-mutuel racing industry.

15 (6) Wagers on previously held races authorized under subsection (1) of this section are subject
16 to the provisions of ORS 462.157.

17 (7) A Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hub licensee may
18 establish an account for wagering on greyhound racing for an individual unless wagering on live
19 greyhound racing is unlawful in the jurisdiction of the individual's principal residence.

20 **SECTION 3. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
21 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
22 **on its passage.**