

2016 -- S 2894

=====
LC005677
=====

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

—————
A N A C T

RELATING TO SPORTS, RACING, AND ATHLETICS -- SIMULCAST PROGRAMS FROM
LICENSED BETTING FACILITIES

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: April 07, 2016

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 41-11-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 41-11 entitled "Simulcast
2 Programs from Licensed Betting Facilities" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **41-11-2. Simulcast.** -- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 41-4-2 as to location of
4 programs only, a licensee may enter into a contract with any licensed racing association to
5 simulcast programs from the facility on certain racing days.

6 (b) A licensee may simulcast programs ~~a maximum of two hundred seventy (270) days~~
7 ~~in a state fiscal calendar year~~ for all or a portion of the days and times that video lottery games are
8 offered at the licensee's facility.

9 (c) A licensee shall obtain a permit from the division of racing and athletics.

10 (d) A licensee may accept pari-mutuel wagering on the simulcast at the licensed facility
11 and not at any other location.

12 ~~(e) (1) When the program is a dog race, the licensee shall compensate the owners of dog~~
13 ~~kennels who are under contract with the licensee at the time of the program. The compensation~~
14 ~~shall be equal to that percentage of the pari-mutuel handle paid to the owners pursuant to the~~
15 ~~contract then existing between the licensee and the owners.~~

16 ~~(2) A licensee licensed pursuant to chapter 7 of title 41 who receives simulcasts of dog~~
17 ~~races intrastate shall compensate the owners of dog kennels who are under contract with a~~
18 ~~licensee licensed pursuant to chapter 3.1 of title 41 at the time of the simulcast an amount equal to~~

1 ~~the percentage of the pari-mutuel handle being paid to the dog kennel owners pursuant to their~~
2 ~~contracts with the licensee licensed pursuant to chapter 3.1 of title 41.~~

3 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general law, public law, or local ordinance to
4 the contrary, including without limitation the provisions contained in §§5-23-2(d), 25-3-2 and 25-
5 3-3, a licensee shall not be required to provide employees time and a half pay for the work
6 performed during Sundays and holidays, if the majority of such employees' work relates to
7 facilitating the simulcasting of programs and/or to facilitating the pari-mutuel wagering on
8 simulcast programs.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

=====
LC005677
=====

EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF

A N A C T

RELATING TO SPORTS, RACING, AND ATHLETICS -- SIMULCAST PROGRAMS FROM
LICENSED BETTING FACILITIES

- 1 This act would authorize holders of certain gaming licenses to simulcast programs for all
2 or a portion of the days and times that video lottery games are offered at the licensee's facility.
3 This act would also provide that licensees would not be required to pay employees time and a half
4 pay for work during Sundays and holidays, if the majority of such employees' work related to
5 facilitating the simulcasting of programs and/or to facilitating the pari-mutuel wagering on
6 simulcast programs.
7 This act would take effect upon passage.

=====
LC005677
=====