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SENATE BILL 23-165

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE REGULATION OF RACING,  
102 AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CONTINUING THE DIVISION OF  
103 RACING EVENTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, CONTINUING  
104 THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COLORADO RACING COMMISSION, AND  
105 IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE 2022  
106 SUNSET REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY  
107 AGENCIES.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

**Sunset Process - Senate Finance Committee.** The bill implements recommendations of the department of regulatory agencies in its sunset review and report on the division of racing events (division) and the Colorado racing commission (commission) in the department of revenue. Specifically:

- **Sections 1 and 2** of the bill continue the division and the commission for 9 years, until 2032;
- **Section 3** removes certain language from the definition of the term "in-state simulcast facility", which language is relocated, with amendments, to **section 4**;
- **Section 4** repeals greyhound kennel inspection requirements that have become redundant with inspection requirements imposed upon the department of agriculture.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**  
3 (24)(a)(II); and **add** (33)(a)(IV) as follows:

4 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**  
5 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**  
6 **declaration - repeal.** (24) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,  
7 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2023:

8 ~~(II) The division of racing events, including the Colorado racing~~  
9 ~~commission, created by article 32 of title 44;~~

10 (33) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled  
11 for repeal on September 1, 2032:

12 (IV) THE DIVISION OF RACING EVENTS, INCLUDING THE COLORADO  
13 RACING COMMISSION, CREATED IN ARTICLE 32 OF TITLE 44.

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 44-32-901 as  
15 follows:

16 **44-32-901. Repeal of article - review of functions.** This article  
17 32 is repealed, effective ~~September 1, 2023~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2032. Before

1 its repeal, the division and its functions are scheduled for review in  
2 accordance with section 24-34-104.

3 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-32-102, **amend**  
4 (11)(a) as follows:

5 **44-32-102. Definitions - rules.** As used in this article 32, unless  
6 the context otherwise requires:

7 (11) (a) "In-state simulcast facility" means:

8 (I) A class A or class B horse track at which a licensee has held  
9 within the preceding twelve months or is licensed and scheduled to hold  
10 within the following twelve months a race meet of at least the duration  
11 required of a class A or class B track FOR THE PURPOSE OF HANDLING  
12 PARI-MUTUEL WAGERS AS AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE 32; OR

13 (II) An additional facility that is operated by and is the  
14 responsibility of the licensee of a class B horse track, located in Colorado,  
15 and used for the handling of wagers placed on simulcast races received  
16 by the track or facility. The number of additional facilities cannot exceed  
17 the total number of facilities licensed to hold a race meet in 2003 plus one  
18 additional facility per licensee as authorized under this article 32. ~~The~~  
19 ~~additional facilities must be licensed in accordance with section~~  
20 ~~44-32-504 and must not be located within fifty miles of any class B horse~~  
21 ~~track operated by another licensee without the written consent of the other~~  
22 ~~licensee. The commission shall establish by rule the means of obtaining~~  
23 ~~the consent.~~

24 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-32-501, **amend**  
25 (1)(b); and **add** (3.5) as follows:

26 **44-32-501. Regulation of race meets and racing-related**  
27 **businesses - additional facilities - rules.** (1) (b) The commission shall

1 license and regulate all kennels and stables housing racing animals both  
2 in connection with a race meet and to protect the general health and  
3 welfare of horses. The commission shall cause the ~~kennels and stables~~ to  
4 be visited and inspected at least once a year by its members or employees  
5 and shall require all such places to be constructed, maintained, and  
6 operated in accordance with the laws of this state and the rules of the  
7 commission.

8 (3.5) AN ADDITIONAL FACILITY, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION  
9 44-32-102 (11)(a)(II), MUST NOT BE LOCATED WITHIN FIFTY MILES OF ANY  
10 CLASS B HORSE TRACK OPERATED BY ANOTHER LICENSEE WITHOUT THE  
11 WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE OTHER LICENSEE. THE COMMISSION SHALL  
12 ESTABLISH BY RULE THE MEANS OF OBTAINING THE CONSENT.

13 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
14 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
15 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
16 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
17 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
18 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
19 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
20 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
21 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.