

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 478

BY SENATOR N. GAUTREAUX

HORSE RACING. Provides relative to certain horse racing purses and breeders' awards.
(7/1/10)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 4:165(A)(1) and (2) and (B)(1) and (2), relative to certain horse
3 racing purses and breeders' awards; to provide with respect to monies allocated for
4 purses and breeders' awards; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 4:165(A)(1) and (2) and (B)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 §165. Funds of the commission; purses and breeders' awards; withholds; promotion
10 and research

11 A.(1) Out of the funds appropriated ~~by the legislature~~ for the expenses and
12 operation of the Louisiana State Racing Commission, ~~the commission~~ the
13 legislature shall allocate and use annually the sum of seven hundred thousand
14 dollars or a sum equal to three-tenths of one percent of the total gross pari-mutuel
15 handle wagered annually on all horse races at all tracks where pari-mutuel wagering
16 is conducted at race meetings of racing associations and at offtrack wagering
17 facilities authorized and licensed by the commission, whichever sum is greater, to

1 make special awards to stallion owners whose Louisiana stallions have sired
2 accredited Louisiana bred finishing first, second, or third in a stake, handicap, or
3 allowance race, exclusive of maiden races, for thoroughbred horses upon which
4 pari-mutuel wagering is conducted at race meetings of racing associations and at
5 offtrack wagering facilities authorized and licensed by the commission and to
6 supplement purses and to make special breeder awards to the breeders of accredited
7 Louisiana bred horses finishing first, second, or third in any race for accredited
8 Louisiana bred thoroughbred horses upon which pari-mutuel wagering is conducted
9 at race meetings of racing associations and at offtrack wagering facilities authorized
10 and licensed by the commission. Special awards to stallion owners shall also be
11 made to owners whose Louisiana stallions have sired accredited Louisiana bred
12 finishing first, second, or third in out-of-state stakes races with purses of at least
13 twenty-five thousand dollars, added.

14 (2) The breeder award herein authorized shall be paid and disbursed to the
15 breeder who becomes entitled thereto pursuant to the provisions hereof, according
16 to a schedule or formula and within a period which is or shall be established by the
17 Executive Committee of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association. Any
18 purse supplement herein authorized and paid ~~by the commission~~ shall in no case
19 exceed the amount provided as a purse by the racing association conducting the race
20 meeting in this state or the races conducted in any other state as provided for in
21 Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. **Monies for the awards as provided in Paragraph**
22 **(1) of this Subsection, shall be appropriated to the Louisiana Thoroughbred**
23 **Breeders Association for disbursement to the entitled breeders.**

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25 B.(1) Out of the funds appropriated ~~by the legislature~~ for the expenses and
26 operation of the Louisiana State Racing Commission, ~~the commission~~ **the**
27 **legislature** shall allocate and use annually the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars
28 to make special stallion awards to the owners of stallions of accredited Louisiana
29 bred offspring which finish first, second, or third, in a stake, handicap, or allowance

1 race, exclusive of maiden races, for quarter horses run at any track licensed by the
 2 commission; and to supplement purses and to make special breeders' awards to the
 3 breeders of accredited Louisiana bred quarter horses which finish first, second, or
 4 third in a race or races for accredited Louisiana bred quarter horses conducted at a
 5 race meeting or meetings in Louisiana. However, the awards paid under the
 6 provisions of this Subsection shall be ~~considered as an overhead expense of the~~
 7 ~~racing commission and~~ paid without regard to the track where quarter horses are
 8 running, the payment of this award not to be considered an expense solely of the
 9 track or tracks running quarter horses.

10 (2) The breeder award herein authorized shall be paid and disbursed to the
 11 breeder who becomes entitled thereto pursuant to the provisions hereof, according
 12 to the schedule or formula which is or shall be established by the Executive
 13 Committee of the Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders Association, not later than the
 14 thirtieth day following the close of the race meeting at which the breeder award was
 15 earned. Any such purse supplement herein authorized and paid ~~by the commission~~
 16 shall in no case exceed the amount provided as a purse by the licensee conducting
 17 the race meeting. **Monies for the awards as provided in Paragraph (1) of this**
 18 **Subsection, shall be appropriated to the Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders**
 19 **Association for disbursement to the entitled breeders.**

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21 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010; if vetoed by the governor
 22 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
 23 2010, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jay R. Lueckel.

DIGEST

N. Gautreaux (SB 478)

Present law provides that out of the funds appropriated by the legislature for the expenses and operation of the Louisiana State Racing Commission, the commission shall allocate and use annually \$700,000 or a sum equal to .3 of 1% of the total gross pari-mutuel handle wagered annually on all horse races at all tracks where pari-mutuel wagering is conducted for thoroughbred horse breeders' awards. Thoroughbred breeder awards shall be paid and

disbursed to the breeder who becomes entitled according to a schedule or formula and within a period which is established by the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association.

Proposed law retains present law except that the legislature shall appropriate the money directed to the La. Thoroughbred Breeders Association for disbursement.

Present law provides that out of the funds appropriated by the legislature for the expenses and operation of the La. State Racing Commission, the commission shall allocate and use annually the sum of \$800,000 to make quarter horse breeder awards. Present law also provides that the awards paid shall be considered as an overhead expense of the La. State Racing Commission and paid without regard to the track where quarter horses are running, the payment of this award not to be considered an expense solely of the track or tracks running quarter horses.

Proposed law retains present law except that the legislature shall appropriate the money directed to the La. Quarter Horse Breeders Association for disbursement. Proposed law further deletes provision that such awards paid shall be considered an overhead expense of the La. State Racing Commission.

Effective July 1, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 4:165(A)(1) and (2) and (B)(1) and (2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the original bill.

1. Restores existing law relative to payment of Thoroughbred or Quarter Horse breeder awards according to a schedule or formula established by the respective Breeder Associations.
2. Deletes the provision requiring payment within 30 days of the date of the race at which the award was earned.