

SENATE BILL NO. 478

BY SENATOR N. GAUTREAUX

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
18 make special awards to stallion owners whose Louisiana stallions have sired
19 accredited Louisiana bred finishing first, second, or third in a stake, handicap, or
20 allowance race, exclusive of maiden races, for thoroughbred horses upon which
21 pari-mutuel wagering is conducted at race meetings of racing associations and at
22 offtrack wagering facilities authorized and licensed by the commission and to
23 supplement purses and to make special breeder awards to the breeders of accredited
24 Louisiana bred horses finishing first, second, or third in any race for accredited
25 Louisiana bred thoroughbred horses upon which pari-mutuel wagering is conducted
26 at race meetings of racing associations and at offtrack wagering facilities authorized
27 and licensed by the commission. Special awards to stallion owners shall also be

1 made to owners whose Louisiana stallions have sired accredited Louisiana bred
2 finishing first, second, or third in out-of-state stakes races with purses of at least
3 twenty-five thousand dollars, added.

4 (2) The breeder award herein authorized shall be paid and disbursed to the
5 breeder who becomes entitled thereto pursuant to the provisions hereof, according
6 to a schedule or formula and within a period which is or shall be established by the
7 Executive Committee of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association. Any
8 purse supplement herein authorized and paid ~~by the commission~~ shall in no case
9 exceed the amount provided as a purse by the racing association conducting the race
10 meeting in this state or the races conducted in any other state as provided for in
11 Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. **Monies for the awards as provided in Paragraph**
12 **(1) of this Subsection, shall be appropriated to the Louisiana Thoroughbred**
13 **Breeders Association for disbursement to the entitled breeders.**

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15 B.(1) Out of the funds appropriated ~~by the legislature~~ for the expenses and
16 operation of the Louisiana State Racing Commission, ~~the commission~~ **the**
17 **legislature** shall allocate and use annually the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars
18 to make special stallion awards to the owners of stallions of accredited Louisiana
19 bred offspring which finish first, second, or third, in a stake, handicap, or allowance
20 race, exclusive of maiden races, for quarter horses run at any track licensed by the
21 commission; and to supplement purses and to make special breeders' awards to the
22 breeders of accredited Louisiana bred quarter horses which finish first, second, or
23 third in a race or races for accredited Louisiana bred quarter horses conducted at a
24 race meeting or meetings in Louisiana. However, the awards paid under the
25 provisions of this Subsection shall be ~~considered as an overhead expense of the~~
26 ~~racing commission and~~ paid without regard to the track where quarter horses are
27 running, the payment of this award not to be considered an expense solely of the
28 track or tracks running quarter horses.

29 (2) The breeder award herein authorized shall be paid and disbursed to the
30 breeder who becomes entitled thereto pursuant to the provisions hereof, according

1 to the schedule or formula which is or shall be established by the Executive
 2 Committee of the Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders Association, not later than the
 3 thirtieth day following the close of the race meeting at which the breeder award was
 4 earned. Any such purse supplement herein authorized and paid ~~by the commission~~
 5 shall in no case exceed the amount provided as a purse by the licensee conducting
 6 the race meeting. **Monies for the awards as provided in Paragraph (1) of this**
 7 **Subsection, shall be appropriated to the Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders**
 8 **Association for disbursement to the entitled breeders.**

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10 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010; if vetoed by the governor
 11 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
 12 2010, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____