

SENATE BILL NO. 62

BY SENATOR MURRAY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:165(A)(1) and (2), and (B)(1) and (2), relative to the Louisiana State Racing Commission; to provide for funds, purses and awards; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

A.(1) Out of the funds appropriated by the legislature for the expenses and operation of the Louisiana State Racing Commission, the ~~legislature~~ commission shall allocate and use annually the sum of seven hundred thousand dollars or a sum equal to three-tenths of one percent of the total gross pari-mutuel handle wagered annually on all horse races at all tracks where pari-mutuel wagering is conducted at race meetings of racing associations and at offtrack wagering facilities authorized and licensed by the commission, whichever sum is greater, to make special awards to stallion owners whose Louisiana stallions have sired accredited Louisiana bred horses, finishing first, second, or third in a stake, handicap, or allowance race, exclusive of maiden races, for thoroughbred horses upon which pari-mutuel wagering is conducted at race meetings of racing associations and at offtrack wagering facilities authorized and licensed by the commission and to supplement purses and to make special breeder awards to the breeders of accredited Louisiana bred horses finishing first, second, or third in any race for accredited Louisiana bred thoroughbred horses upon which pari-mutuel wagering is conducted at race meetings of racing associations and at offtrack wagering facilities authorized and licensed by

1 the commission. Special awards to stallion owners shall also be made to owners  
2 whose Louisiana stallions have sired accredited Louisiana bred horses finishing first,  
3 second, or third in out-of-state stakes races with purses of at least twenty-five  
4 thousand dollars, added.

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

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

