Senate Bill 77

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Allows Oregon Racing Commission to adopt rules to authorize and license Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hubs to conduct simulcast broadcasting of, and mutuel wagering on, animal races.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to virtual racing; amending ORS 462.725; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

- **SECTION 1.** ORS 462.725 is amended to read:
- 462.725. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the Oregon Racing Commission may [develop and] adopt rules to:
- (a) License and regulate all phases of operation of ["]Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hubs["] located in Oregon[.]; and
- (b) Authorize and license Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hubs to conduct simulcast broadcasting of, and mutuel wagering on, animal races, including previously held races on which mutuel wagering is lawful in Oregon.
- (2) In addition to the other rules of operation adopted by the commission, the commission shall adopt a rule setting the amount that may be taken from the gross receipts of the multi-jurisdictional mutuel system.
- [(2)] (3) All employees working in Oregon and all officers of any ["]Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hubs["] located and operating in Oregon must obtain a license from the [Oregon Racing] commission prior to the commencement of business or employment. The commission shall adopt rules establishing license fees for the employees and officers, not to exceed \$30 per year.
 - [(3)] (4) Payments to be made to the [Oregon Racing] commission include:
- (a) ["]Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hub["] license fee not more than \$200 per operating day.
- (b) Not more than one percent of total gross receipts of mutuel wagering recorded by the totalizator system.
- [(4)] (5) Of the moneys received by the [Oregon Racing] commission under subsection [(3)(b)] (4)(b) of this section, 25 percent shall be paid to the State Treasurer for deposit in the General Fund and 75 percent shall be retained by the commission. The [Oregon Racing] commission may adopt rules under which the moneys retained by the commission may be distributed for the benefit of the Oregon pari-mutual racing industry.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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28 29 SECTION 2. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect on its passage.