



ASSEMBLY, No. 594

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 6, 1967

By Assemblymen McLEON, FEKETY, FRIEDLAND, HAUSER,  
McLAUGHLIN and PERSKIE

Referred to Committee on Revision and Amendment of Laws

AN ACT to amend "An act creating the New Jersey Racing Commission and defining its powers and duties; providing for the granting of permits and licenses for the operation of race meetings whereat the running, steeplechase racing or harness racing of horses only may be conducted; providing for the licensing of concessionaires and operators and their employees; regulating the system of pari-mutuel betting and fixing the license fees, taxes and revenues imposed hereunder and fixing penalties for violations of the provisions of this act," approved March 18, 1940 (P. L. 1940, c. 17), as said Title was amended by chapter 137 of the laws of 1941.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New*  
2 *Jersey:*

1 1. Section 24 of the act of which this act is amendatory is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 24. In the event any person, partnership, association or corporation is  
4 granted a permit under this act to conduct a race meeting pursuant to provi-  
5 sions thereof, such permit shall be renewed upon application of the permit  
6 holder yearly for the next succeeding 10 years, for the same dates allotted to  
7 such permit holder during the preceding year or for such other dates (not  
8 exceeding 56 racing days in the aggregate for running racing and not exceed-  
9 ing **[60]** 100 days in the aggregate for harness racing) as such permit  
10 holder shall request; provided, however, that commencing with the year 1963  
11 the commission may also allot among the existing permit holders the addi-  
12 tional racing days for running racing herein authorized, such allotment to be  
13 on a basis which in the discretion of the commission appears most appropriate  
14 for the purpose of providing continuity of racing in the State but which does  
15 not result in allotting more than 10 such additional days to any one permit  
16 holder; and provided, further, that such permit holder has not violated any of  
17 the provisions of this act.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

1        2. Section 27 of the act of which this act is amendatory is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3        27. Upon compliance with the foregoing conditions, the commission shall  
4 issue a permit to such applicant to hold or conduct such horse race meeting  
5 as authorized by this act. Such permit shall specify the person, partnership,  
6 association or corporation to whom the same is issued; the dates upon which  
7 such horse race meeting is to be held or conducted; the hours of such days  
8 between which such horse racing will be permitted, which shall be between the  
9 hours \***[of 12:00 o'clock noon and 6:00 o'clock post meridian Eastern Stand-**  
10 **ard Time (excluding Sundays)]\*** *\*during which the conduct of racing is au-*  
11 *thorized by law\**, the location of the place, track or enclosure at, on or within  
12 which said horse race meeting is to be held or conducted; and shall ac-  
13 knowledge receipt of the payment of the deposit and the filing of the bond  
14 provided for in this act. No permit shall be issued to permit running racing  
15 on any track that is less than one mile in circumference nor harness racing  
16 on any track that is less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile in circumference. No such permit shall  
17 be transferable nor shall it apply to any place, track or enclosure other than  
18 the one specified therein. No such permit shall be issued so as to permit horse  
19 racing at any place, track or enclosure except on \***[week days]**\* *\*Mondays*  
20 *through Fridays\** between the hours of 12:00 o'clock noon and \***[6:00 o'clock**  
21 **post meridian Eastern Standard Time]**\* *\*1:00 o'clock A. M. the following*  
22 *day and on Saturdays between the hours of 12:00 o'clock noon and 12:00*  
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26 tion for the holding or conducting of a horse race meeting except at one track,  
27 place or enclosure in this State, nor shall any permit be granted for the hold-  
28 ing or conducting of a horse race meeting at any place in this State prior to  
29 **[April 1]** *March 1* in any calendar year or after the last day of November in  
30 any calendar year. No such permit shall be issued to any person, partner-  
31 ship, association or corporation that is in any way in default in the payment  
32 of any obligation or debt due to the State of New Jersey under the provisions  
33 of this act, nor shall any permit be issued to any corporation under the provi-  
34 sions of this act unless said corporation be organized under and by virtue of  
35 the laws of the State of New Jersey, nor shall any permit be issued to any  
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## STATEMENT

## FISCAL DATA

This bill provides for 100 days of harness horse racing instead of 60 and prohibits racing prior to March 1 instead of April 1.

It is estimated that the additional days of racing would result in an increase in State revenues of about \$1,000,000.00 with a cost to the State of approximately \$18,000.00.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS TO  
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ADOPTED MAY 1, 1967

Amend page 2, section 2, lines 9 and 10, omit “of 12:00 o’clock noon and 6:00 o’clock post meridian Eastern Standard Time (excluding Sundays)”, insert “during which the conduct of racing is authorized by law”.

Amend page 2, section 2, line 18, omit “week days”, insert “Mondays through Fridays”.

Amend page 2, section 2, lines 19 and 20, omit “6:00 o’clock post meridian Eastern Standard Time”, insert “1:00 o’clock A. M. the following day and on Saturdays between the hours of 12:00 o’clock noon and 12:00 o’clock midnight”.