

P.L. 2024, CHAPTER 76, *approved September 12, 2024*
Assembly, No. 2610

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2 P.L.2019, c.36.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 2610

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
221st LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2024 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ROBERT J. KARABINCHAK

District 18 (Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Extends annual horse racing purse subsidies through State fiscal year 2029.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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District 36 (Bergen and Passaic)

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District 12 (Burlington, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean)

Senator VIN GOPAL

District 11 (Monmouth)

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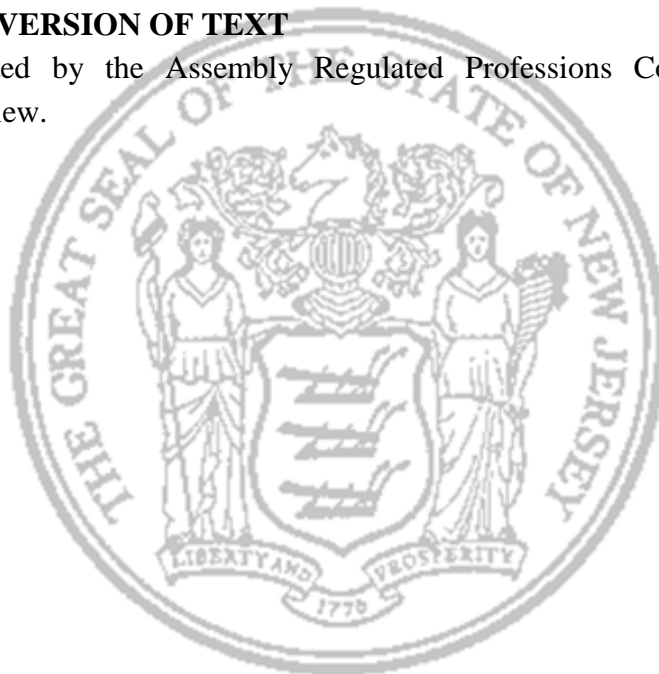
Assemblyman Clifton, Assemblywoman Murphy and Senator Space

SYNOPSIS

Extends annual horse racing purse subsidies through State fiscal year 2029.

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As reported by the Assembly Regulated Professions Committee with technical review.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/28/2024)

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ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2610

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 24, 2024

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2610.

This bill provides \$20 million annually to the New Jersey Racing Commission to be used for horse racing purse subsidies until State fiscal year 2029.

Current law required these subsidies to be appropriated until State fiscal year 2023, and the fiscal year 2024 budget also provided \$20 million for purse subsidies. This bill therefore requires the appropriation of funds for the purse subsidies in an additional five fiscal years, through fiscal year 2029.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that the provisions of this bill will increase State expenditures \$100 million over five years, or \$20 million annually in fiscal years 2025 through 2029.

ASSEMBLY REGULATED PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

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This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2024-2025 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 2610
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
221st LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 26, 2024

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Extends annual horse racing purse subsidies through State fiscal year 2029.

Type of Impact: Five-Year State expenditure increase to the General Fund.

Agencies Affected: Department of Law and Public Safety.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>FY 2025 to FY 2029</u>
State Expenditure Increase	\$20 million per year

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BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill provides \$20 million annually to the New Jersey Racing Commission to be used for horse racing purse subsidies through State fiscal year 2029.

Current law requires these subsidies to be appropriated only until State fiscal year 2023. The Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations Act provided \$20 million for purse subsidies. This bill therefore requires the appropriation of funds for the purse subsidies in the following five fiscal years, through fiscal year 2029.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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In 2019, the Governor committed to provide \$100 million over five years to support horse racing in New Jersey pursuant to P.L.2019, c.36. Over the past six years, \$120 million has been allocated to these subsidies.

**New Jersey Racing Commission Horse Racing Purse Subsidies
FY 2019 to FY 2024**

FISCAL YEAR	ANNUAL APPROPRIATION*
FY 2019	\$20 million Supplemental Appropriation
FY 2020	\$20 million
FY 2021	\$20 million
FY 2022	\$15 million
FY 2023	\$25 million
FY 2024	\$20 million
TOTAL	\$120 million

** Sources: Annual Appropriations Acts and Governor's budget documents.*

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**Proposed
New Jersey Racing Commission Horse Racing Purse Subsidies
FY 2025 to FY 2029**

FISCAL YEAR	ANNUAL APPROPRIATION*
FY 2025	\$20 million proposed
FY 2026	\$20 million proposed
FY 2027	\$20 million proposed
FY 2028	\$20 million proposed
FY 2029	\$20 million proposed
TOTAL	\$100 million

**Proposed in Assembly Bill No. 2610.*

The OLS notes that the FY 2025 Governor's Budget includes \$15 million for horse racing purse subsidies in FY 2025. The OLS estimates the \$20 million proposed in Assembly Bill, No. 2610 for FY 2025 would be in lieu of the \$15 million proposed in the FY 2025 Governor's Budget, not in addition to it.

If this bill is enacted, by fiscal year 2029 the State will have dedicated \$220 million in total to the horse racing industry for horse racing purse subsidies over an 11-year period.

Section: Law and Public Safety

*Analyst: Kristin Brunner Santos
Lead Fiscal Analyst*

*Approved: Thomas Koenig
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

SENATE, No. 3203

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

221st LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 9, 2024

Sponsored by:

Senator VIN GOPAL

District 11 (Monmouth)

Co-Sponsored by:

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SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3203

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 24, 2024

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3203.

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
221st LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 28, 2024

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Extends annual horse racing purse subsidies through State fiscal year 2029.

Type of Impact: Five-Year State expenditure increase to the General Fund.

Agencies Affected: Department of Law and Public Safety.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>FY 2025 to FY 2029</u>
State Expenditure Increase	\$20 million per year

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that the provisions of this bill will increase State expenditures \$100 million over five years, or \$20 million annually in fiscal years 2025 through 2029.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill provides \$20 million annually to the New Jersey Racing Commission to be used for horse racing purse subsidies through State fiscal year 2029.

Current law requires these subsidies to be appropriated only until State fiscal year 2023. The Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations Act provided \$20 million for purse subsidies. This bill therefore requires the appropriation of funds for the purse subsidies in the following five fiscal years, through fiscal year 2029.

Under current law, these amounts will be allocated by the New Jersey Racing Commission equally between the thoroughbred industry and the standardbred industry. Of the funds allocated to the thoroughbred industry, 100 percent will be allocated to Monmouth Park overnight purses. Of the funds allocated to the standardbred industry, 60 percent will be allocated to Meadowlands overnight purses; 16 percent to Freehold overnight purses; 12 percent to the New Jersey Sire Stakes purses; 6 percent to purse bonuses for New Jersey sired horses; and 6 percent for breeders awards purses.

As a condition of receiving continued purse subsidies, the recipients of the funds must report to the Legislature, the Governor, and the New Jersey Racing Commission on the uses of funds appropriated in the preceding year.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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In 2019, the Governor committed to provide \$100 million over five years to support horse racing in New Jersey pursuant to P.L.2019, c.36. Over the past six years, \$120 million has been allocated to these subsidies.

New Jersey Racing Commission Horse Racing Purse Subsidies FY 2019 to FY 2024

FISCAL YEAR	ANNUAL APPROPRIATION*
FY 2019	\$20 million Supplemental Appropriation
FY 2020	\$20 million
FY 2021	\$20 million
FY 2022	\$15 million
FY 2023	\$25 million
FY 2024	\$20 million
TOTAL	\$120 million

* Sources: Annual Appropriations Acts and Governor's budget documents.

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Proposed

New Jersey Racing Commission Horse Racing Purse Subsidies FY 2025 to FY 2029

FISCAL YEAR	ANNUAL APPROPRIATION*
FY 2025	\$20 million proposed
FY 2026	\$20 million proposed
FY 2027	\$20 million proposed
FY 2028	\$20 million proposed
FY 2029	\$20 million proposed
TOTAL	\$100 million

*Proposed in Senate Bill No. 3203.

The OLS notes that the FY 2025 Governor's Budget includes \$15 million for horse racing purse subsidies in FY 2025. The OLS estimates the \$20 million proposed in Senate Bill, No. 3203 for FY 2025 would be in lieu of the \$15 million proposed in the FY 2025 Governor's Budget, not in addition to it.

If this bill is enacted, by fiscal year 2029 the State will have dedicated \$220 million in total to the horse racing industry for horse racing purse subsidies over an 11-year period.

Section: Law and Public Safety

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

09/12/2024

TRENTON – Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

S-721/A-2812 (Steinhardt, Sarlo/Greenwald, Swain, Egan) - Exempts sales of investment metal bullion and investment coins from sales and use tax

S-741/A-2608 (Diegnan/Karabinchak) - Authorizes State Treasurer to sell as surplus certain real property and improvements in City of Jersey City in Hudson County

SCS for S-2188/ACS for A-1970 (Ruiz, Greenstein/Speight, Karabinchak, Verrelli) – Requires DEP, DOH, owners or operators of certain public community water systems, and owners or operators of certain buildings or facilities to take certain actions to prevent and control cases of Legionnaires' disease

S-2311/A-1128 (Singleton, Singer/DiMaio, Matsikoudis) - Requires criminal history background check for individuals seeking licensure issued by boards regulating certain health care professions

S-2435/A-3537 (Greenstein, Mukherji/Stanley, McCoy, Murphy) - Revises certain requirements concerning eligibility for reimbursement from “Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund”

S-2607/A-3872 (Ruiz, McKnight/Pintor Marin, Calabrese, Speight) - Requires private bus operators to provide notice and hold public meetings for certain service changes

S-2810/A-3779 (Diegnan/DeAngelo, Karabinchak, Bagolie) - Changes membership of board of trustees of SPRS to remove requirement that two members be private citizens

S-3097/A-4226 (Pou, Sarlo/Wimberly, Sumter) - Modifies requirements for certain projects under Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant program

S-3134/A-4192 (Diegnan, Moriarty/Calabrese, Carter) - Requires MVC to take certain action concerning commercial driver licenses and commercial learner’s permits

S-3235/A-4461 (Ruiz, Moriarty/Conaway, Miller, Sampson) – Regulates production and sale of certain intoxicating hemp products

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S-3368/A-4623 (Ruiz, McKnight/Calabrese, Stanley, Reynolds-Jackson) - Concerns law protecting residential tenants from lead-based paint hazards

S-3407/A-4540 (Lagana/Verrelli) - Requires payment of prevailing wage for projects financed through commercial property assessed clean energy program

A-2610/S-3203 (Karabinchak, Calabrese, Sauickie/Gopal) - Extends annual horse racing purse subsidies through State fiscal year 2029

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A-2890/S-3231 (Verrelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Quijano/Cryan) - Permits temporary appointment of additional members to the Board of Review in the Division of Employment Security

A-4035/S-2809 (Dunn, Speight/Bucco, Pennacchio) - Requires State to sell as surplus property certain land and improvements in Morris County known as Central Park School

A-4533/S-3421 (Coughlin, Wimberly, Speight/Zwicker, Johnson) - Revises certain sections of law concerning financing mechanisms for school facilities projects of regular operating districts

A-4534/S-3439 (Coughlin, Wimberly, Schnall/Vitale, Mukherji) - Revises definition of qualified assistance fund expenses under UEZ program to include costs of transportation infrastructure projects and related debt service

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bills:

S-2864/A-4061 (Lagana/Verrelli, Swain, Venezia) – CONDITIONAL - Establishes working hours for certain minors employed as professional athletes

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S-3455/A-4597 (Sarlo, Burzichelli/Calabrese, Moen, Stanley) – CONDITIONAL - Provides for automatic renewal of off-track wagering licenses

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A-2180/S-3000 (Moen, Wimberly, Murphy/Beach, Polistina) – CONDITIONAL - Permits certain persons to operate Type S school buses

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A-2294/S-1443 (Lopez, Freiman, Tully/Singleton, Johnson) – CONDITIONAL - Establishes mortgage payment relief and foreclosure protection for certain homeowners impacted by the remnants of Hurricane Ida

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A-2607/S-360 (Karabinchak, Calabrese, Inganamort/Diegnan, Mukherji) – CONDITIONAL - Authorizes taxicabs, limousines, and transportation network companies to provide paratransit services for two-year period

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**GOVERNOR'S STATEMENT UPON SIGNING
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2610**

Today I am signing Assembly Bill No. 2610, which directs the Legislature to appropriate \$20 million annually to the New Jersey Racing Commission to be used for horse racing purse subsidies through State fiscal year 2029. The legislation extends the State's commitment to provide annual horse racing purse subsidies originally set forth in P.L.2019, c.36, which I signed in February of 2019. Since the enactment of that act, the State has appropriated \$140 million for horse racing purse subsidies, including \$20 million already appropriated for State fiscal year 2025. Assembly Bill No. 2610 signals the Legislature's intent that these appropriations continue in future fiscal years through State fiscal year 2029.

New Jersey's horse racing industry is a key economic engine, supporting thousands of jobs and attracting tourists and fans from around the world. The funding promised by this legislation will allow New Jersey to continue to offer one of the most exciting horse racing experiences in the nation, while also providing a boost to an industry that is integral to our economy.

While I am pleased to sign this bipartisan legislation, it is important to recognize that one legislature cannot bind future legislatures with respect to prospective appropriations. The Appropriations Clause of the New Jersey Constitution mandates that the Legislature must provide for annual appropriations "in one general appropriation law covering one and the same fiscal year." The Debt Limitation Clause of the State Constitution further provides that "[t]he Legislature shall not, in any manner, create in any fiscal year a debt or debts, liability or liabilities of the State." In combination, the Appropriations Clause and Debt Limitation Clause of the New Jersey Constitution interdict the Legislature from creating a debt or liability, in any manner, that binds the State to appropriate funds in future fiscal years. A consistent line of cases from the New Jersey Supreme Court holds that the Appropriations and Debt Limitation Clauses operate to render purported dedications of monies as line items in future appropriations acts as mere expressions of legislative intent. Consequently, the appropriations that this bill purports to require through State fiscal year 2029 are not binding and serve only as a strong expression of intent to provide funding in future fiscal years.

Given the critical importance of the horse racing industry to not only the State's economy, but to farmland and open space preservation, I am signing this legislation to signal my desire for the State to continue to make this investment each year at the level directed in the bill. However, the amount of the investment made each year must be evaluated and ultimately determined by the

State's overall fiscal condition at that time. With these economic and legal realities in mind, I look forward to working with my partners in the Legislature to ensure that this key sector of the State's economy is supported going forward in a fiscally responsible manner that satisfies our shared constitutional obligations to enact a single appropriations law governing overall State spending needs for a single fiscal year.

Date: September 12, 2024

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Parimal Garg

Chief Counsel to the Governor