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SENATE, No. 526

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1984 SESSION

By Senator CODEY

AN ACT concerning the selection of stewards at horse race meetings  
and amending P. L. 1940, c. 17.

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

1 1. Section 13 of P. L. 1940, c. 17 (C. 5:5-33) is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 13. All parimutuel employees and all horse owners, riders,  
4 agents, trainers, **[stewards,]** starters, timers, judges, grooms,  
5 drivers, and others, acting in any capacity in connection with the  
6 training of the horses or the actual running of the races in any  
7 such race meeting may be licensed by the commission, pursuant to  
8 such rules and regulations as the commission may adopt. The  
9 commission shall have full power to prescribe rules, regulations and  
10 conditions under which all such licenses are issued in the State of  
11 New Jersey and to revoke or refuse to issue a license if in the  
12 opinion of the commission the revocation or refusal to issue such  
13 license is in the public interest; provided, however, that such rules,  
14 regulations and conditions shall be uniform in their application;  
15 and further provided, that no fee shall be in excess of \$50.00 for  
16 each license so granted.

1 2. Section 17 of P. L. 1940, c. 17 (C. 5:5-37) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 17. **[**The said commission may designate a steward, a certified  
4 public accountant of this State as supervisor of mutuels, and a  
5 veterinarian licensed to practice in this State**]** *The commission*  
6 *shall appoint \***[three or more]**\* \*a\* State \*steward and two or*

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

**Matter printed in italics thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:**

**\*—Senate committee amendments adopted February 23, 1984.**

7 more associate State\* stewards in the case of a running race meet-  
8 ing and a State steward, presiding judge, and two or more asso-  
9 ciate judges in the case of a harness race meeting\*, which stewards  
10 and judges shall meet qualifications and standards established by  
11 the commission in rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to  
12 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P. L. 1968, c. 410 (C.  
13 52:14B-1 et seq.)\*; a State veterinarian and such associate State  
14 veterinarians as the commission deem necessary, who shall be  
15 licensed or approved to practice in this State by the State Board  
16 of Veterinary Medical Examiners; and a State supervisor of mu-  
17 tuels, who shall be a certified public accountant of this State, to  
18 serve at [any] each horse race meeting held under a permit issued  
19 under this act. These officials shall devote full-time to their duties  
20 during each meeting at which they serve\*, except for the State  
21 supervisor of mutuels\*; shall serve at the pleasure of the commis-  
22 sion; and shall, where practicable, be rotated among the running  
23 race and harness tracks as appropriate. The compensation of  
24 [such representatives] these officials shall be fixed by the commis-  
25 sion and shall be paid weekly by the holder of a permit at whose  
26 horse race track [such representatives] the officials shall serve.  
27 [Such representatives] These officials shall have full and free  
28 access to any portion of the space or enclosure where such horse  
29 race meeting is held and shall have such powers and duties as the  
30 commission may from time to time delegate to them under the pro-  
31 visions of this act.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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7 *race meeting and a State steward, presiding judge, and two or*  
 8 *more associate judges in the case of a harness race meeting; a State*  
 9 *veterinarian and such associate State veterinarians as the commis-*  
 10 *sion deem necessary, who shall be licensed or approved to practice*  
 11 *in this State by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners;*  
 12 *and a State supervisor of mutuels, who shall be a certified public ac-*  
 13 *countant of this State, to serve at [any] each horse race meeting*  
 14 *held under a permit issued under this act. These officials shall*  
 15 *devote full time to their duties during each meeting at which they*  
 16 *serve; shall serve at the pleasure of the commission; and shall,*  
 17 *where practicable, be rotated among the running race and harness*  
 18 *tracks as appropriate. The compensation of [such representatives]*  
 19 *these officials shall be fixed by the commission and shall be paid*  
 20 *weekly by the holder of a permit at whose horse race track [such*  
 21 *representatives] the officials shall serve. [Such representatives]*  
 22 *These officials shall have full and free access to any portion of the*  
 23 *space or enclosure where such horse race meeting is held and shall*  
 24 *have such powers and duties as the commission may from time to*  
 25 *time delegate to them under the provisions of this act.*

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#### STATEMENT

This bill mandates that the New Jersey Racing Commission appoint three or more State stewards at thoroughbred race tracks and a State steward, a presiding judge, and two or more associate judges at harness racetracks. At present, some of the stewards and judges are appointed by the racetrack. The intent of this bill is to replace them with appointees of the State.

This bill also mandates that the commission appoint a State veterinarian, associate State veterinarians, and a supervisor of mutuels. This provision gives a statutory basis for appointments that are presently made on the basis of a regulation.

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SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, FEDERAL AND  
INTERSTATE RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 526**

with Senate committee amendments

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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DATED: FEBRUARY 23, 1984

This bill changes the way in which racing stewards and judges are appointed. At present, some stewards and judges are appointed by the racetrack. This bill replaces them with appointees of the State.

As amended, the legislation provides that the New Jersey Racing Commission shall appoint a State steward and two or more associate State stewards at thoroughbred racetracks and a State steward, a presiding judge and two or more associate judges at harness racetracks. Stewards and judges shall meet qualifications and standards established by the commission.

The commission shall also appoint a State veterinarian and, as it deems necessary, associate State veterinarians who shall be approved by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to practice in this State. The legislation also provides that the commission shall appoint a State supervisor of mutuels, who shall be a certified public accountant.

Except for the State supervisor of mutuels, these officials shall devote full-time to their duties during each meeting at which they serve. All officials shall serve at the pleasure of the commission and shall, where practicable, be rotated among the thoroughbred and harness tracks.