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SENATE, No. 2543

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 13, 1984

By Senator RAND

(Without Reference)

AN ACT concerning racing and amending and supplementing 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 2 of P. L. 1940, c. 17 (C. 5:5-23) is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 2. The commission shall consist of ~~four~~ *seven* members, all of
4 whom shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice
5 and consent of the Senate, and not more than ~~two~~ *four* of whom
6 shall be of the same political party, and one of whom of the first
7 to be appointed hereunder shall be designated by the Governor to
8 be the chairman of the commission; said chairman thereafter shall
9 be annually elected by the members of said commission. Each com-
10 missioner, at the time of his appointment and qualification, shall
11 be a resident of the State of New Jersey, and shall have resided
12 in said State for a period of at least seven years next preceding his
13 appointment and qualification and he shall also be a qualified
14 voter therein and not less than 30 years of age. *At least three of*
15 *the members shall be residents of South Jersey, which, for the pur-*
16 *poses of this section, shall consist of the counties of Atlantic, Bur-*
17 *lington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer,*
18 *Ocean, and Salem.* The term of office of each member of the first
19 commission shall commence on confirmation after appointment.
20 One of said commissioners shall hold office for two years from the
21 beginning of his term of office and until his successor shall qualify;
22 one of said commissioners shall hold office for four years from the
23 beginning of his term of office and until his successor shall qualify;
24 and two of said commissioners shall hold office for six years from
25 the beginning of their terms of office and until their successors shall

**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.

26 qualify; provided, however, that the two members whose terms
 27 shall expire in six years shall not be of the same political party.
 28 The Governor, at the time of making and announcing the appoint-
 29 ment of said four commissioners, shall designate which of said
 30 commissioners shall serve for the term of two years, which of said
 31 commissioners shall serve for the term of four years, and which of
 32 said commissioners shall serve for the term of six years, as afore-
 33 said, and also who shall be the chairman of said commission. Upon
 34 the expiration of the terms of such respective commissioners, the
 35 Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall
 36 appoint their successors, each to hold office for a term of six years
 37 and until his successor has been appointed and qualified. Any
 38 vacancy in the commission shall be filled for the unexpired term.
 39 Each commissioner shall be eligible for reappointment in the dis-
 40 cretion of the Governor.

41 *Of the three additional members appointed pursuant to this 1984*
 42 *amendatory and supplementary act, one shall be appointed for a*
 43 *term of two years, one for a term of four years, and one for a term*
 44 *of six years, and all shall serve until their successors have been*
 45 *appointed and qualified. Each of the successors of these additional*
 46 *members shall be appointed for a term of six years, and shall serve*
 47 *until his successor is appointed and qualified.*

1 2. (New section) If a holder of a permit to conduct harness or
 2 thoroughbred race meetings at a New Jersey racetrack purchases,
 3 leases, or otherwise acquires another existing racetrack facility
 4 located in this State, and is thereafter granted another permit by
 5 the commission to conduct racing days at the acquired racetrack,
 6 the racing days allotted for the acquired racetrack shall be limited,
 7 in type of racing and in amount of days, to those allotted to the
 8 prior permitholder of the acquired racetrack facility for the year
 9 1985 as of December 13, 1984.

10 In the event that as a result of a fire or another act of God an
 11 existing racetrack facility is precluded from conducting the number
 12 and types of racing days allotted to it in a particular year, the
 13 commission may, upon application by the permitholder, waive the
 14 above limitation with respect to another racing facility owned,
 15 leased or otherwise acquired by the permitholder.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately but shall remain in-
 2 operative until Assembly Bill No. 3028 or Senate Bill No. 2516 is
 3 enacted into law.

STATEMENT

This bill amends and supplements the racing statutes.

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Governor Thomas H. Kean has signed legislation which increases the membership of the Racing Commission from four to seven members by the addition of three new members from South Jersey.

The bill, S-2543/A-3027, was sponsored by State Senator Walter Rand and Assemblyman Dennis Riley, both D-Camden, it is a companion measure to S-2516, signed last month, which amends the charter of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority to permit construction of a baseball stadium and other activities.

Enactment of both bills was required for either to become effective.

The bill defines South Jersey as consisting of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Ocean and Salem counties.

The Governor also signed A-2468, sponsored by Assemblyman A. Joseph Fortunato, D-Essex, which eliminates the Atlantic Luxury Tax currently imposed on boxing and sparring exhibitions held in that city.

The bill leaves intact the 10 percent gross receipts tax on ticket sales and the 5 percent tax on the lease or sale of broadcast rights to boxing or sparring matches.

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