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Bill No. A1822

Sponsor(s) Codey and Riley

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Committee: Assembly State Govt., Federal & Interstate Relations & Veterans Affairs

Senate State Govt., Federal & Interstate Relations & Veterans Affairs

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1822

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 12, 1980

By Assemblymen CODEY and RILEY

Referred to Committee on State Government, Federal and
Interstate Relations and Veterans Affairs

AN ACT concerning the conduct of horse race meetings and pari-mutuel wagering; amending P. L. 1966, c. 206; amending the title of "An act making lawful the system of parimutuel betting at night horse race meetings, and supplementing '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, and providing for the submission of this act to the legal voters of the State for their approval or rejection before the same shall become operative within this State," approved July 21, 1966 (P. L. 1966, c. 206), so that the same shall read "An act making lawful the conduct of horse racing and parimutuel wagering at Sunday and night horse race meetings; supplementing P. L. 1940, c. 17 (C. 5:5-22 et seq.); and providing for the submission of this act to the legal voters of the State for their approval or rejection before the same shall become operative within this State"; and providing for the submission of this amendatory act to the legal voters of the State for their approval or rejection before the same shall become operative within this State.

- 1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*
- 1 1. The title of P. L. 1966, c. 206 (C. 5:5-84 et seq.) is amended
2 to read as follows:

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

3 An act making lawful the [system of parimutuel betting at]
 4 *conduct of horse racing and parimutuel wagering at Sunday and*
 5 *night horse race meetings* [, and]; supplementing [“An act creating
 6 the New Jersey Racing Commission and defining its powers and
 7 duties; providing for the granting of permits and licenses for the
 8 operation of race meetings whereat the running, steeplechase rac-
 9 ing or harness racing of horses only may be conducted; providing
 10 for the licensing of concessionaires and operators and their em-
 11 ployees; regulating the system of pari-mutuel betting and fixing the
 12 license fees, taxes and revenues imposed hereunder and fixing
 13 penalties for violations of the provisions of this act,” approved
 14 March 18, 1940 (P. L. 1940, c. 17), as said title was amended by
 15 chapter 137 of the laws of 1941,] *P. L. 1940, c. 17 (C. 5:5-22 et*
 16 *seq.)*; and providing for the submission of this act to the legal
 17 voters of the State for their approval or rejection before the same
 18 shall become operative within this State.

1 2. Section 1 of P. L. 1966, c. 206 (C. 5:5-84) is amended to read
 2 as follows:

3 1. In addition to the hours for which the conduct of horse racing
 4 is authorized pursuant to the act to which this act is a supplement,
 5 the New Jersey Racing Commission, in issuing a permit to an other-
 6 wise qualified applicant, may authorize the conduct of horse race
 7 meetings on the days and during such hours between 12:00 o'clock
 8 noon and 1:00 o'clock A. M. the following [days on Mondays through
 9 Fridays and between 12:00 o'clock noon and 12:00 o'clock midnight
 10 on Saturdays] *day on every day of the week*, as shall be specified
 11 in the permit.

1 3. Section 2 of P. L. 1966, c. 206 (C. 5:5-85) is amended to read
 2 as follows:

3 2. The conduct of the parimutuel system of wagering at horse
 4 race meetings on the days upon which such meetings are conducted
 5 is authorized and shall be lawful between the hours of 8 a.m. and
 6 1 a.m. the following day on Mondays through [Fridays and between
 7 8 a.m. and 12 midnight on Saturdays] *Saturdays and between 12*
 8 *noon and 1 a.m. the following day on Sundays*, including wagering
 9 at any horse race meeting upon the result of any and all horse races
 10 held at such meeting when such wagering is during the hours when
 11 wagering is permitted pursuant to this act and prior to the conduct
 12 of any race held at said meeting, in the same manner and to the
 13 same extent as the parimutuel system of wagering is now
 14 authorized.

1 4. For the purpose of complying with the provisions of the State
 2 Constitution, this act shall be submitted to the people for their
 3 approval or rejection at the next general election to be held ***[45]***
 4 ***35*** or more days following the date of its enactment.

1 5. There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at such
 2 election the following:

3 If you favor making the act ***[entitled]*** **described** below
 4 operative within the State*,* make a cross X, plus + or check √
 5 in the square opposite the word "Yes."

6 If you are opposed to making the act ***[entitled]*** **described**
 7 below so operative, make a cross X, plus + or check √ in the square
 8 opposite the word "No."

	Yes.	SUNDAY RACING AND THE EXTENSION OF SATURDAY RACING HOURS Shall chapter . . . of the laws of 1980 making it lawful to conduct horse racing and parimutuel wagering on Sundays between 12 noon and 1 a.m. the follow- ing day, and extending Saturday racing and wagering hours so that the close of racing and wagering is at 1 a.m. the following day rather than midnight Saturday, be approved and become operative?
	No.	

9 The chapter number assigned to this act shall be inserted in the
 10 appropriate place in the foregoing question.

11 In any election district in which voting machines are used the
 12 question shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used upon the
 13 voting machines ***[without]*** **with** the foregoing instructions to
 14 the voters ***[and shall be voted upon]*** **but with instructions to*
 15 *vote** "Yes" or "No" by the use of such machines without marking
 16 as aforesaid.

1 6. If at such election a majority of all the votes cast both for and
 2 against the approval of this act shall be cast in favor of the approval
 3 thereof, then all of its provisions shall forthwith take effect through-
 4 out the State.

1 7. This section and sections 4, 5 and 6 of this act shall take effect
 2 immediately and the remainder of this act shall take effect as here-
 3 inbefore provided.

1 4. For the purpose of complying with the provisions of the State
 2 Constitution, this act shall be submitted to the people for their
 3 approval or rejection at the next general election to be held 45 or
 4 more days following the date of its enactment.

1 5. There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at such
 2 election the following:

3 If you favor making the act entitled below operative within the
 4 State make a cross X, plus + or check √ in the square opposite
 5 the word "Yes."

6 If you are opposed to making the act entitled below so operative,
 7 make a cross X, plus + or check √ in the square opposite the word
 8 "No."

	Yes.	<p>SUNDAY RACING AND THE EXTENSION OF SATURDAY RACING HOURS</p> <p>Shall chapter . . . of the laws of 1980 making it lawful to conduct horse racing and parimutuel wagering on Sundays between 12 noon and 1 a.m. the following day, and extending Saturday racing and wagering hours so that the close of racing and wagering is at 1 a.m. the following day rather than midnight Saturday, be approved and become operative?</p>
	No.	

9 The chapter number assigned to this act shall be inserted in the
 10 appropriate place in the foregoing question.

11 In any election district in which voting machines are used the
 12 question shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used upon the
 13 voting machines without the foregoing instructions to the voters
 14 and shall be voted upon "Yes" or "No" by the use of such machines
 15 without marking as aforesaid.

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 2 against the approval of this act shall be cast in favor of the approval
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 2 immediately and the remainder of this act shall take effect as here-
 3 inbefore provided.

STATEMENT

This bill authorizes horse racing and parimutuel betting on Sun-
 days between 12 noon and 1 a.m. the following day. Sunday racing
 will be of financial assistance to the private racetracks, which have
 been financially hard-pressed in recent years.

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In addition, the bill extends the close of Saturday night racing from 12 midnight to 1 a.m. the following day. This extra hour on Saturday night would give tracks, especially the Sports Authority, more flexibility in the planning of Saturday night events.

This bill must be submitted to the voters for approval at the general election in November before it can take effect.

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

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1822
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JULY 28, 1980

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This bill must be submitted to the voters for approval at the general election in November before it can take effect.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 19, 1980

PATRICK SWEENEY

Governor Brendan Byrne today signed the following bills:

A-1822, sponsored by Assemblyman Richard James Codey (D-Essex), which will authorize horse racing and parimutuel betting on Sundays between noon and 1 a.m. the following day, subject to approval by referendum at the November 1980 general election. The bill will also permit Saturday racing to extend until 1 a.m. Sunday.

Sunday racing has been successfully implemented in New York and California.

A-8, sponsored by Assemblyman William J. Bate (D-Passaic), which permits the former wife or husband to be included on a family or individual insurance policy owned by the person liable for support.

A-862, sponsored by Assemblyman W. Cary Edwards (R-Bergen), which amends the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8, to increase the maximum aggregate amount of "capital notes" a local government may have outstanding. Previously, it was the lesser of \$40,000 or 1/2 of 1 percent of the equalized valuation basis; under this bill, it will be the lesser of \$200,000 or 1/2 of 1 percent of the equalized valuation basis.

A-1482, sponsored by Assemblywoman Barbara W. McConnell (D-Hunterdon), which corrects a technical error in P.L. 1979, c. 143, which exempted certain buses from payment of a school bus registration fee.

A-1535, sponsored by Assemblyman Richard Van Wagner (D-Monmouth), which repeals P.L. 1979, c. 235, which imposed a tax upon gross receipts derived from sales of electric energy produced in New Jersey and sold out of state.

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