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COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Tourism and Gaming
SENATE:

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DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** June 24, 2004

SENATE: June 24, 2004

DATE OF APPROVAL: August 8, 2004

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[FINAL TEXT OF BILL](#) 1st reprint enacted

A2895

[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 2 of original bill) [Yes](#)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** [Yes](#)

SENATE: No

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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P.L. 2004, CHAPTER 119, *approved August 8, 2004*
Assembly, No. 2895 (*First Reprint*)

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2 Jersey Horse Racing Injury Compensation Board and amending
3 P.L.1995, c.329.

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6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. Section 3 of P.L.1995, c.329 (C.34:15-131) is amended to read
9 as follows:

10 3. As used in this act:

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12 Board established by section 4 of this act.

13 "Commission" means the New Jersey Racing Commission
14 established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1940, c.17 (C.5:5-22).

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16 apprentice, or driver engaged in performing services for an owner in
17 connection with the racing of a horse in New Jersey. [In addition,]
18 "Horse racing industry employee" also means an exercise rider of a
19 thoroughbred horse for the period of time during which he or she is
20 employed as an exercise rider of a thoroughbred horse at a horse
21 racetrack in this State¹ [and] ,¹ who is licensed by the commission
22 ¹and from whose wages deductions and withholdings as required or
23 authorized by State or federal law are taken¹, and a trainer who
24 otherwise would be considered an employee of the owner pursuant to
25 R.S.34:15-1 et seq., as well as any person assisting such trainer who
26 is [licensed or] required to be licensed by the commission [, is a horse
27 racing industry employee for the purposes of this act].

28 (cf: P.L.1999, c.378, s.1)

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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35 Extends workers' compensation coverage under NJ Horse Racing
36 Injury Compensation Board to thoroughbred exercise riders in certain
37 circumstances.

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly ATG committee amendments adopted June 14, 2004.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2895

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 24, 2004

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman LINDA STENDER
District 22 (Middlesex, Somerset and Union)
Assemblyman PATRICK DIEGNAN, JR.
District 18 (Middlesex)
Assemblyman MICHAEL PANTER
District 12 (Mercer and Monmouth)
Assemblyman ROBERT MORGAN
District 12 (Mercer and Monmouth)

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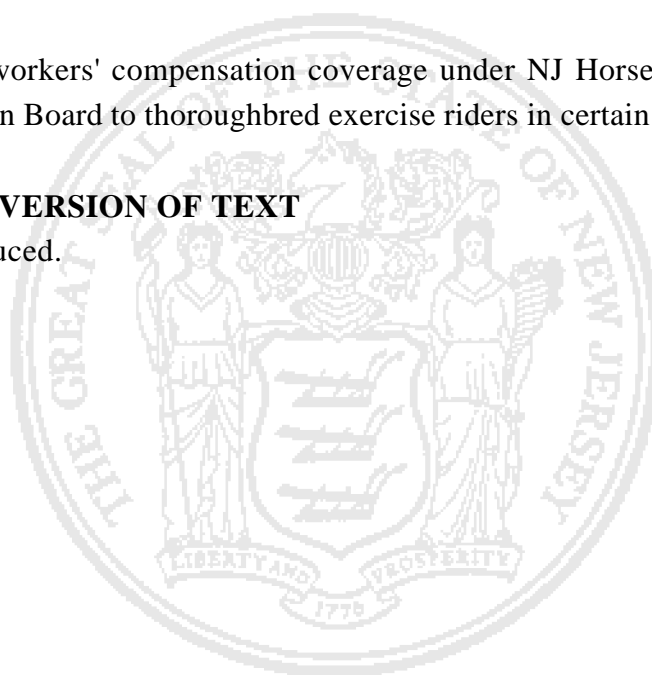
Assemblyman Dancer

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/18/2004)

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36 in this State and who are licensed by the New Jersey Racing
37 Commission.

38 Under current law, only jockeys, jockey apprentices and drivers
39 (and trainers and their employees in rare circumstances) are covered
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A2895 STENDER, DIEGNAN

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- 3 most hazardous duties.

ASSEMBLY TOURISM AND GAMING COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2895

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 14, 2004

The Assembly Tourism and Gaming Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly No. 2895.

As amended by the committee, this bill extends workers' compensation coverage purchased by the New Jersey Horse Racing Injury Compensation Board to thoroughbred horse exercise riders while those riders are working at horse racetracks in this State, who are licensed by the New Jersey Racing Commission and have had appropriate State and federal taxes withheld from their wages.

Under current law, only jockeys, jockey apprentices and drivers (and trainers and their employees in rare circumstances) are covered under the New Jersey Horse Racing Injury Compensation Board. The coverage under the board is paid for through a 3% assessment on prize money paid to horse owners, and an additional assessment on horse owners if necessary. There is a surplus in the thoroughbred half of the fund sufficient to provide coverage to thoroughbred exercise riders, and after jockeys and jockey apprentices, exercise riders have the next most hazardous duties.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee adopted an amendment to provide that exercise riders will be covered only if appropriate State and federal taxes have been withheld from their wages.

SENATE, No. 1617

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 7, 2004

Sponsored by:

Senator ELLEN KARCHER

District 12 (Mercer and Monmouth)

SYNOPSIS

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SENATE WAGERING, TOURISM AND HISTORIC
PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1617

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 21, 2004

The Senate Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate No. 1617.

As amended by the committee, this bill extends workers' compensation coverage purchased by the New Jersey Horse Racing Injury Compensation Board to thoroughbred horse exercise riders while those riders are working at horse racetracks in this State, who are licensed by the New Jersey Racing Commission and have had appropriate State and federal taxes withheld from their wages.

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The committee adopted an amendment to provide that exercise riders will be covered only if appropriate State and federal taxes have been withheld from their wages.

As amended by the committee, this bill is identical to A-2895 (1R).