

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

The Texas Racing Commission (commission) is responsible for ensuring fair wagering, safe racing, and helping the racing industry grow as an asset to the state's economy. The commission was continued by the legislature under recommendation from the Sunset Advisory Commission on September 1, 1997. H.B. 2484 amends provisions relating to breed registry, new racetrack locations, and tax collection to clarify changes made in 1997.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to a horse breed registry in SECTION 1 (Section 6.08, Article 179e, V.T.C.S.) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 6.08, Texas Racing Act (Article 179e, V.T.C.S.), by amending Subsection (i) and adding Subsection (n), to delete existing text regarding the registry of Appaloosa horses. Authorizes a horse breed registry to by rule restrict the eligibility of its horses for accredited Texas-bred awards or purse supplements when the horse runs in mixed racing.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 11.011(e), Article 179e, V.T.C.S., to provide that if intrastate wagering pools are combined between tracks, the receiving track, rather than the track where the race originates, is responsible for the state's share of the pari-mutuel pool regardless of whether a shortage or error occurred at the originating track or receiving track.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 6.06(a), Article 179e, V.T.C.S., to delete existing text regarding certain criteria being grounds for a refusal of a racetrack license.

SECTION 4. Repealer: Sections 6.06(c), (d), and (h), and Section 6.16, Article 179e, V.T.C.S..

SECTION 5. Effective date: September 1, 2001.