

No. 1981-29

AN ACT

SB 512

Amending the act of December 22, 1959 (P.L.1978, No.728), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for and regulating harness racing with pari-mutuel wagering on the results thereof; creating the State Harness Racing Commission as a departmental administrative commission within the Department of Agriculture and defining its powers and duties; providing for the establishment and operation of harness racing plants subject to local option; imposing taxes on revenues of such plants; disposing of all moneys received by the commission and all moneys collected from the taxes; authorizing penalties; and making appropriations," further providing for the number of days in a calendar year for which corporations may be licensed to conduct harness racing.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 5, act of December 22, 1959 (P.L.1978, No.728), referred to as the Pennsylvania Harness Racing Law, amended January 2, 1973 (1972 P.L.1737, No.374), is amended to read:

Section 5. Pari-mutuel Betting at Harness Races.—No more than five corporations shall be licensed by the State Harness Racing Commission in any one year to conduct a pari-mutuel meet or meets. No corporation shall be licensed to conduct harness racing for more than one hundred days in any calendar year. *The commission may at its discretion, upon the written request of a licensed corporation, grant to such licensed corporation an additional number of racing days in any calendar year but in no case shall any additional grant exceed fifty additional racing days. If, in any calendar year a licensed corporation loses racing days due to reasons beyond its control, the commission may grant it additional racing days in the next succeeding year to make up for those it lost in the prior year.* Said pari-mutuel betting conducted at such meeting shall be under the general supervision and control of the State Harness Racing Commission which shall make rules regulating the conduct of such pari-mutuel betting in accordance with the provisions of this act. The Department of Revenue is charged with the financial administration of pari-mutuel betting as prescribed in this act and as supplemented by the rules and regulations of the State Harness Racing Commission. The Department of Revenue shall have authority to prescribe the forms and the system of accounting to be employed, and through its representatives shall, at all times, have power of access to, and examination of, any equipment relating to such betting.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 9th day of June, A. D. 1981.

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