

No. 1985-3

AN ACT

HB 24

Amending the act of December 17, 1981 (P.L.435, No.135), entitled "An act providing for the regulation of pari-mutuel thoroughbred horse racing and harness horse racing activities; imposing certain taxes and providing for the disposition of funds from pari-mutuel tickets," further providing for simulcasting.

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

Section 1. Section 234 of the act of December 17, 1981 (P.L.435, No.135), known as the Race Horse Industry Reform Act, added May 31, 1984 (P.L.376, No.76), is amended to read:

Section 234. **[Experimental simulcasting] Simulcasting.**

The State Harness Racing Commission may, upon request from a licensed corporation, grant permission to **[one] any** corporation**[, on an experimental basis,]** to simulcast intrastate harness racing at a facility at which less than 80 days of racing was conducted in the *previous* calendar year **[1983. The period of experimental simulcasting shall be through November 1984]**. Neither the racing facility or licensed corporation at such facility shall transmit any simulcast signal to any other racing facility. Simulcasts are to be operated by the licensed corporation at the racetrack enclosure where a harness-race meeting is being conducted during, between, before or after posted races for that racing day. *No more than 50% of the races conducted each week (Monday through Sunday) shall be simulcast.* All forms of **[pari-mutual] pari-mutuel** wagering described in section 221 shall be allowed on races to be televised by simulcasting under this section. The State Harness Racing Commission may promulgate regulations on wagering and the operation of these races. All money wagered by patrons on these races shall be computed in the amount of money wagered each racing day for purposes of taxation under section 222.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 18th day of April, A. D. 1985.

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