

BY: Senator Bromwell

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 813, AS AMENDED

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the Finance Committee Amendments (SB0813/677870/1), in line 12 of Amendment No. 1, after "tickets;" insert "repealing certain provisions requiring certain agreements and approvals relating to simulcast racing and intertrack betting;"; and in line 2 of Amendment No. 2, after "11-803," insert "11-804.1,"; in line 3, strike "and 11-811(e)(5) and (6)" and substitute "11-811(d) and (e)(5) and (6), and 11-825(a)".

On page 2 of the Finance Committee Amendments, in line 3 of Amendment No. 2, strike "and 11-630" and substitute "11-630, 11-804(e), and 11-811(f)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 7 of the Finance Committee Amendments, after line 3 of Amendment No. 5, insert:

11-804.

[(e) A contract with an out-of-state track under this section is subject to the approval of the group that represents a majority of the owners and trainers who race horses at that track and the group that represents a majority of the applicable breeders in this State.]

11-804.1.

(a) Subject to the Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978, 15 U.S.C. §§ 3001 through 3007, a licensee may simulcast races held in this State to another jurisdiction where betting on racing is lawful.

(b) All payments to the licensee under this section shall be allocated to the licensee, purses, and the applicable bred fund [in the way agreed to by:

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(1) the licensee;  
(2) the group that represents a majority of the applicable owners and trainers licensed in the State; and

(3) the group that represents a majority of the applicable breeders in the State] AS DETERMINED BY THE LICENSEE.”;

after line 19, insert:

“(d) The Commission may authorize licensees, Fair Hill, or the State Fair Society to participate in intertrack betting by operating sending tracks and receiving tracks only if:

(1) the operators of the sending track and the receiving track submit a joint application to the Commission;

(2) the Commission holds a public hearing on the matter;

(3) the operator of the receiving track shows to the satisfaction of the Commission that the operator has held, is holding, or will hold regularly scheduled race meetings at the receiving track in accordance with a license and has complied with the terms of the license; and

(4) the receiving track meets the requirements of subsection (e) of this section, unless the Commission has waived them[, and subsection (f) of this section].

[(f) (1) Intertrack betting may be held only if the organizations specified in this subsection approve the agreement between the receiving track and the sending track to simulcast races.

(2) If the sending track is a mile thoroughbred track or a track where racing is conducted by the State Fair Society or Fair Hill, approval shall be by an organization representing:

(i) a majority of the owners and trainers at the sending track; and

(ii) a majority of the thoroughbred breeders in the State.

(3) If the sending track is a harness track, approval shall be by an organization representing:

(i) a majority of the owners, trainers, and drivers of standardbred horses at the sending track, and

(ii) a majority of the standardbred breeders in the State.

(4) If the receiving track is a mile thoroughbred track or a track where racing is conducted by the State Fair Society, approval shall be by an organization representing:

(i) a majority of the owners and trainers at the receiving track; and

(ii) a majority of the thoroughbred breeders in the State.

(5) If the receiving track is a harness track, approval shall be by an organization representing:

(i) a majority of the owners, trainers, and drivers of standardbred horses at the harness track; and

(ii) a majority of the standardbred breeders in the State.]”.

On page 9 of the Finance Committee Amendments, in line 1 of the Amendment No. 5, after “emergency.” insert:

“11-825.

(a) A satellite simulcast facility:

(1) shall be in premises owned or leased by a permit holder;

(2) may not be within a 35-mile radius of any mile thoroughbred track or harness track unless approved by the track licensee[, the group that represents a majority of the applicable owners and trainers licensed in the State and the group that represents a majority of the applicable

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breeders in the State, considered separately];

(3) unless the track agrees otherwise, may not operate during hours on those days that racing with pari-mutuel betting is permitted at a racetrack located in this State within a 35-mile radius of the satellite simulcast facility; and

(4) shall offer pari-mutuel betting facilities and amenities that the Commission finds are:

(i) comparable to those available in the sports palace facilities of the mile thoroughbred racing licensees including:

1. high quality dining, lounge, and seating areas that are of a manner generally found in fine restaurants; and

2. teletheatre screen capacity; and

(ii) appropriate for the area where the satellite simulcast facility is located.”.