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House Bill 174 (Chairman, Ways and Means Committee)
(By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing, and Regulation)

Ways and Means

Finance

Horse Racing - Maryland Racing Commission - Financial Statement

This departmental bill extends the period of time within which a horse racing track licensee is required to submit specified financial information to the Maryland Racing Commission to 90 days following the end of a licensee's fiscal year.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law: A horse racing track licensee is required to submit to the Maryland Racing Commission on or before the seventy-fifth day following the end of a licensee's fiscal year: (1) an itemized statement under oath for the preceding fiscal year of receipts from all sources and of all expenses and disbursements, including salaries of officers, attorney fees, and lobbying expenses; and (2) a certified audit by a certified public accountant of the financial records of the licensee for the preceding fiscal year.

Background: In many instances licensees are unable to comply with the seventy-fifth day requirement for submitting the required financial statements due to the length of time it takes to have financial records audited. It is estimated that the licensees would be able to meet a 90-day requirement more readily. In addition, the increased filing time is consistent with the 90-day filing requirement of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for publicly traded companies.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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