

HB3510



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB3510

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

230 ILCS 5/30.5

Amends the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975. Provides that except as provided in specified provisions, 8.5% of all the moneys received by the State as pari-mutuel taxes shall be paid into the Illinois Racing Quarter Horse Breeders Fund on a schedule as the Illinois Racing Board prescribes.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning gaming.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975 is amended
5 by changing Section 30.5 as follows:

6 (230 ILCS 5/30.5)

7 Sec. 30.5. Illinois Racing Quarter Horse Breeders Fund.

8 (a) The General Assembly declares that it is the policy of
9 this State to encourage the breeding of racing quarter horses
10 in this State and the ownership of such horses by residents of
11 this State in order to provide for sufficient numbers of high
12 quality racing quarter horses in this State and to establish
13 and preserve the agricultural and commercial benefits of such
14 breeding and racing industries to the State of Illinois. It is
15 the intent of the General Assembly to further this policy by
16 the provisions of this Act.

17 (b) There is hereby created a special fund in the State
18 Treasury to be known as the Illinois Racing Quarter Horse
19 Breeders Fund. Except as provided in subsection (g) of Section
20 27 of this Act, 8.5% of all the moneys received by the State as
21 pari-mutuel taxes on quarter horse racing shall be paid into
22 the Illinois Racing Quarter Horse Breeders Fund on a schedule
23 as the Board prescribes.

1 (c) The Illinois Racing Quarter Horse Breeders Fund shall
2 be administered by the Department of Agriculture with the
3 advice and assistance of the Advisory Board created in
4 subsection (d) of this Section.

5 (d) The Illinois Racing Quarter Horse Breeders Fund
6 Advisory Board shall consist of the Director of the Department
7 of Agriculture, who shall serve as Chairman; a member of the
8 Illinois Racing Board, designated by it; one representative of
9 the organization licensees conducting pari-mutuel quarter
10 horse racing meetings, recommended by them; 2 representatives
11 of the Illinois Running Quarter Horse Association, recommended
12 by it; and the Superintendent of Fairs and Promotions from the
13 Department of Agriculture. Advisory Board members shall serve
14 for 2 years commencing January 1 of each odd numbered year. If
15 representatives have not been recommended by January 1 of each
16 odd numbered year, the Director of the Department of
17 Agriculture may make an appointment for the organization
18 failing to so recommend a member of the Advisory Board.
19 Advisory Board members shall receive no compensation for their
20 services as members but may be reimbursed for all actual and
21 necessary expenses and disbursements incurred in the execution
22 of their official duties.

23 (e) No moneys shall be expended from the Illinois Racing
24 Quarter Horse Breeders Fund except as appropriated by the
25 General Assembly. Moneys appropriated from the Illinois Racing
26 Quarter Horse Breeders Fund shall be expended by the Department

1 of Agriculture, with the advice and assistance of the Illinois
2 Racing Quarter Horse Breeders Fund Advisory Board, for the
3 following purposes only:

4 (1) To provide stakes and awards to be paid to the
5 owners of the winning horses in certain races. This
6 provision is limited to Illinois conceived and foaled
7 horses.

8 (2) To provide an award to the owner or owners of an
9 Illinois conceived and foaled horse that wins a race when
10 pari-mutuel wagering is conducted; providing the race is
11 not restricted to Illinois conceived and foaled horses.

12 (3) To provide purse money for an Illinois stallion
13 stakes program.

14 (4) To provide for purses to be distributed for the
15 running of races during the Illinois State Fair and the
16 DuQuoin State Fair exclusively for quarter horses
17 conceived and foaled in Illinois.

18 (5) To provide for purses to be distributed for the
19 running of races at Illinois county fairs exclusively for
20 quarter horses conceived and foaled in Illinois.

21 (6) To provide for purses to be distributed for running
22 races exclusively for quarter horses conceived and foaled
23 in Illinois at locations in Illinois determined by the
24 Department of Agriculture with advice and consent of the
25 Illinois Racing Quarter Horse Breeders Fund Advisory
26 Board.

1 (7) No less than 90% of all moneys appropriated from
2 the Illinois Racing Quarter Horse Breeders Fund shall be
3 expended for the purposes in items (1), (2), (3), (4), and
4 (5) of this subsection (e).

5 (8) To provide for research programs concerning the
6 health, development, and care of racing quarter horses.

7 (9) To provide for dissemination of public information
8 designed to promote the breeding of racing quarter horses
9 in Illinois.

10 (10) To provide for expenses incurred in the
11 administration of the Illinois Racing Quarter Horse
12 Breeders Fund.

13 (f) The Department of Agriculture shall, by rule, with the
14 advice and assistance of the Illinois Racing Quarter Horse
15 Breeders Fund Advisory Board:

16 (1) Qualify stallions for Illinois breeding; such
17 stallions to stand for service within the State of
18 Illinois, at the time of a foal's conception. Such stallion
19 must not stand for service at any place outside the State
20 of Illinois during the calendar year in which the foal is
21 conceived. The Department of Agriculture may assess and
22 collect application fees for the registration of
23 Illinois-eligible stallions. All fees collected are to be
24 paid into the Illinois Racing Quarter Horse Breeders Fund.

25 (2) Provide for the registration of Illinois conceived
26 and foaled horses. No such horse shall compete in the races

1 limited to Illinois conceived and foaled horses unless it
2 is registered with the Department of Agriculture. The
3 Department of Agriculture may prescribe such forms as are
4 necessary to determine the eligibility of such horses. The
5 Department of Agriculture may assess and collect
6 application fees for the registration of Illinois-eligible
7 foals. All fees collected are to be paid into the Illinois
8 Racing Quarter Horse Breeders Fund. No person shall
9 knowingly prepare or cause preparation of an application
10 for registration of such foals that contains false
11 information.

12 (g) The Department of Agriculture, with the advice and
13 assistance of the Illinois Racing Quarter Horse Breeders Fund
14 Advisory Board, shall provide that certain races limited to
15 Illinois conceived and foaled be stakes races and determine the
16 total amount of stakes and awards to be paid to the owners of
17 the winning horses in such races.

18 (Source: P.A. 98-463, eff. 8-16-13.)