



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB4730

Introduced 1/27/2022, by Rep. Robert Rita

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

230 ILCS 5/19.5

Amends the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975. Provides that before June 29, 2022, the additional organization license, issued by the Illinois Racing Board for standardbred racing to a racetrack located in specified townships of Cook County, shall not be issued within a 35-mile radius of another organization license issued by the Board, unless the person having operating control of such racetrack has given written consent to the organization licensee application, which consent must be filed with the Board at or prior to the time application is made.

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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
5 amended by changing Section 19.5 as follows:

6 (230 ILCS 5/19.5)

7 Sec. 19.5. Standardbred racetrack in Cook County.
8 Notwithstanding anything in this Act to the contrary, in
9 addition to organization licenses issued by the Board on the
10 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General
11 Assembly, the Board shall issue an organization license
12 limited to standardbred racing to a racetrack located in one
13 of the following townships of Cook County: Bloom, Bremen,
14 Calumet, Orland, Rich, Thornton, or Worth. Before June 29,
15 2022, this ~~This~~ additional organization license shall not be
16 issued within a 35-mile radius of another organization license
17 issued by the Board on the effective date of this amendatory
18 Act of the 101st General Assembly, unless the person having
19 operating control of such racetrack has given written consent
20 to the organization licensee applicant, which consent must be
21 filed with the Board at or prior to the time application is
22 made. The organization license application shall be submitted
23 to the Board and the Board may grant the organization license

1 at any meeting of the Board. The Board shall examine the
2 application within 21 days after receipt of the application
3 with respect to its conformity with this Act and the rules
4 adopted by the Board. If the application does not comply with
5 this Act or the rules adopted by the Board, the application may
6 be rejected and an organization license refused to the
7 applicant, or the Board may, within 21 days after receipt of
8 the application, advise the applicant of the deficiencies of
9 the application under the Act or the rules of the Board and
10 require the submittal of an amended application within a
11 reasonable time determined by the Board; upon submittal of the
12 amended application by the applicant, the Board may consider
13 the application consistent with the process described in
14 subsection (e-5) of Section 20. If the application is found to
15 be in compliance with this Act and the rules of the Board, the
16 Board shall then issue an organization license to the
17 applicant. Once the organization license is granted, the
18 licensee shall have all of the current and future rights of
19 existing Illinois racetracks, including, but not limited to,
20 the ability to obtain an inter-track wagering license, the
21 ability to obtain inter-track wagering location licenses, the
22 ability to obtain an organization gaming license pursuant to
23 the Illinois Gambling Act with 1,200 gaming positions, and the
24 ability to offer Internet wagering on horse racing.

25 (Source: P.A. 101-31, eff. 6-28-19; 102-689, eff. 12-17-21.)