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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5903

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5903 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975 is
5 amended by changing Section 30 as follows:

6 (230 ILCS 5/30) (from Ch. 8, par. 37-30)

7 Sec. 30. (a) The General Assembly declares that it is the
8 policy of this State to encourage the breeding of thoroughbred
9 horses in this State and the ownership of such horses by
10 residents of this State in order to provide for: sufficient
11 numbers of high quality thoroughbred horses to participate in
12 thoroughbred racing meetings 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.

1 (b) Each organization licensee conducting a thoroughbred
2 racing meeting pursuant to this Act shall provide at least two
3 races each day limited to Illinois conceived and foaled horses
4 or Illinois foaled horses or both. A minimum of 6 races shall
5 be conducted each week limited to Illinois conceived and foaled
6 or Illinois foaled horses or both. No horses shall be permitted
7 to start in such races unless duly registered under the rules
8 of the Department of Agriculture.

9 (c) Conditions of races under subsection (b) shall be
10 commensurate with past performance, quality, and class of
11 Illinois conceived and foaled and Illinois foaled horses
12 available. If, however, sufficient competition cannot be had
13 among horses of that class on any day, the races may, with
14 consent of the Board, be eliminated for that day and substitute
15 races provided.

16 (d) There is hereby created a special fund of the State
17 Treasury to be known as the Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders
18 Fund.

19 Except as provided in subsection (g) of Section 27 of this
20 Act, 8.5% of all the monies received by the State as privilege
21 taxes on Thoroughbred racing meetings shall be paid into the
22 Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders Fund.

23 (e) The Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders Fund shall be
24 administered by the Department of Agriculture with the advice
25 and assistance of the Advisory Board created in subsection (f)
26 of this Section.

1 (f) The Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders Fund Advisory Board
2 shall consist of the Director of the Department of Agriculture,
3 who shall serve as Chairman; a member of the Illinois Racing
4 Board, designated by it; 3 ~~2~~ representatives of the
5 organization licensees conducting thoroughbred racing
6 meetings, recommended by them; 2 representatives of the
7 Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Foundation,
8 recommended by it; one representative ~~and 2 representatives~~ of
9 the Illinois Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association,
10 recommended by it; and one representative of the Illinois
11 Horsemen's Association ~~or any successor organization~~
12 ~~established in Illinois comprised of the largest number of~~
13 ~~owners and trainers,~~ recommended by it, ~~with one representative~~
14 ~~of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association to come~~
15 ~~from its Illinois Division, and one from its Chicago Division.~~
16 Advisory Board members shall serve for 2 years commencing
17 January 1 of each odd numbered year. If representatives of the
18 organization licensees conducting thoroughbred racing
19 meetings, the Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners
20 Foundation, and the Horsemen's Benevolent Protection
21 Association have not been recommended by January 1, of each odd
22 numbered year, the Director of the Department of Agriculture
23 shall make an appointment for the organization failing to so
24 recommend a member of the Advisory Board. Advisory Board
25 members shall receive no compensation for their services as
26 members but shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary

1 expenses and disbursements incurred in the execution of their
2 official duties.

3 (g) No monies shall be expended from the Illinois
4 Thoroughbred Breeders Fund except as appropriated by the
5 General Assembly. Monies appropriated from the Illinois
6 Thoroughbred Breeders Fund shall be expended by the Department
7 of Agriculture, with the advice and assistance of the Illinois
8 Thoroughbred Breeders Fund Advisory Board, for the following
9 purposes only:

10 (1) To provide purse supplements to owners of horses
11 participating in races limited to Illinois conceived and
12 foaled and Illinois foaled horses. Any such purse
13 supplements shall not be included in and shall be paid in
14 addition to any purses, stakes, or breeders' awards offered
15 by each organization licensee as determined by agreement
16 between such organization licensee and an organization
17 representing the horsemen. No monies from the Illinois
18 Thoroughbred Breeders Fund shall be used to provide purse
19 supplements for claiming races in which the minimum
20 claiming price is less than \$7,500.

21 (2) To provide stakes and awards to be paid to the
22 owners of the winning horses in certain races limited to
23 Illinois conceived and foaled and Illinois foaled horses
24 designated as stakes races.

25 (2.5) To provide an award to the owner or owners of an
26 Illinois conceived and foaled or Illinois foaled horse that

1 wins a maiden special weight, an allowance, overnight
2 handicap race, or claiming race with claiming price of
3 \$10,000 or more providing the race is not restricted to
4 Illinois conceived and foaled or Illinois foaled horses.
5 Awards shall also be provided to the owner or owners of
6 Illinois conceived and foaled and Illinois foaled horses
7 that place second or third in those races. To the extent
8 that additional moneys are required to pay the minimum
9 additional awards of 40% of the purse the horse earns for
10 placing first, second or third in those races for Illinois
11 foaled horses and of 60% of the purse the horse earns for
12 placing first, second or third in those races for Illinois
13 conceived and foaled horses, those moneys shall be provided
14 from the purse account at the track where earned.

15 (3) To provide stallion awards to the owner or owners
16 of any stallion that is duly registered with the Illinois
17 Thoroughbred Breeders Fund Program prior to the effective
18 date of this amendatory Act of 1995 whose duly registered
19 Illinois conceived and foaled offspring wins a race
20 conducted at an Illinois thoroughbred racing meeting other
21 than a claiming race. Such award shall not be paid to the
22 owner or owners of an Illinois stallion that served outside
23 this State at any time during the calendar year in which
24 such race was conducted.

25 (4) To provide \$75,000 annually for purses to be
26 distributed to county fairs that provide for the running of

1 races during each county fair exclusively for the
2 thoroughbreds conceived and foaled in Illinois. The
3 conditions of the races shall be developed by the county
4 fair association and reviewed by the Department with the
5 advice and assistance of the Illinois Thoroughbred
6 Breeders Fund Advisory Board. There shall be no wagering of
7 any kind on the running of Illinois conceived and foaled
8 races at county fairs.

9 (4.1) To provide purse money for an Illinois stallion
10 stakes program.

11 (5) No less than 80% of all monies appropriated from
12 the Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders Fund shall be expended
13 for the purposes in (1), (2), (2.5), (3), (4), (4.1), and
14 (5) as shown above.

15 (6) To provide for educational programs regarding the
16 thoroughbred breeding industry.

17 (7) To provide for research programs concerning the
18 health, development and care of the thoroughbred horse.

19 (8) To provide for a scholarship and training program
20 for students of equine veterinary medicine.

21 (9) To provide for dissemination of public information
22 designed to promote the breeding of thoroughbred horses in
23 Illinois.

24 (10) To provide for all expenses incurred in the
25 administration of the Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders Fund.

26 (h) Whenever the Governor finds that the amount in the

1 Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders Fund is more than the total of
2 the outstanding appropriations from such fund, the Governor
3 shall notify the State Comptroller and the State Treasurer of
4 such fact. The Comptroller and the State Treasurer, upon
5 receipt of such notification, shall transfer such excess amount
6 from the Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders Fund to the General
7 Revenue Fund.

8 (i) A sum equal to 12 1/2% of the first prize money of
9 every purse won by an Illinois foaled or an Illinois conceived
10 and foaled horse in races not limited to Illinois foaled horses
11 or Illinois conceived and foaled horses, or both, shall be paid
12 by the organization licensee conducting the horse race meeting.
13 Such sum shall be paid from the organization licensee's share
14 of the money wagered as follows: 11 1/2% to the breeder of the
15 winning horse and 1% to the organization representing
16 thoroughbred breeders and owners whose representative serves
17 on the Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders Fund Advisory Board for
18 verifying the amounts of breeders' awards earned, assuring
19 their distribution in accordance with this Act, and servicing
20 and promoting the Illinois thoroughbred horse racing industry.
21 The organization representing thoroughbred breeders and owners
22 shall cause all expenditures of monies received under this
23 subsection (i) to be audited at least annually by a registered
24 public accountant. The organization shall file copies of each
25 annual audit with the Racing Board, the Clerk of the House of
26 Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate, and shall make

1 copies of each annual audit available to the public upon
2 request and upon payment of the reasonable cost of photocopying
3 the requested number of copies. Such payments shall not reduce
4 any award to the owner of the horse or reduce the taxes payable
5 under this Act. Upon completion of its racing meet, each
6 organization licensee shall deliver to the organization
7 representing thoroughbred breeders and owners whose
8 representative serves on the Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders
9 Fund Advisory Board a listing of all the Illinois foaled and
10 the Illinois conceived and foaled horses which won breeders'
11 awards and the amount of such breeders' awards under this
12 subsection to verify accuracy of payments and assure proper
13 distribution of breeders' awards in accordance with the
14 provisions of this Act. Such payments shall be delivered by the
15 organization licensee within 30 days of the end of each race
16 meeting.

17 (j) A sum equal to 12 1/2% of the first prize money won in
18 each race limited to Illinois foaled horses or Illinois
19 conceived and foaled horses, or both, shall be paid in the
20 following manner by the organization licensee conducting the
21 horse race meeting, from the organization licensee's share of
22 the money wagered: 11 1/2% to the breeders of the horses in
23 each such race which are the official first, second, third and
24 fourth finishers and 1% to the organization representing
25 thoroughbred breeders and owners whose representative serves
26 on the Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders Fund Advisory Board for

1 verifying the amounts of breeders' awards earned, assuring
2 their proper distribution in accordance with this Act, and
3 servicing and promoting the Illinois thoroughbred horse racing
4 industry. The organization representing thoroughbred breeders
5 and owners shall cause all expenditures of monies received
6 under this subsection (j) to be audited at least annually by a
7 registered public accountant. The organization shall file
8 copies of each annual audit with the Racing Board, the Clerk of
9 the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate,
10 and shall make copies of each annual audit available to the
11 public upon request and upon payment of the reasonable cost of
12 photocopying the requested number of copies.

13 The 11 1/2% paid to the breeders in accordance with this
14 subsection shall be distributed as follows:

15 (1) 60% of such sum shall be paid to the breeder of the
16 horse which finishes in the official first position;

17 (2) 20% of such sum shall be paid to the breeder of the
18 horse which finishes in the official second position;

19 (3) 15% of such sum shall be paid to the breeder of the
20 horse which finishes in the official third position; and

21 (4) 5% of such sum shall be paid to the breeder of the
22 horse which finishes in the official fourth position.

23 Such payments shall not reduce any award to the owners of a
24 horse or reduce the taxes payable under this Act. Upon
25 completion of its racing meet, each organization licensee shall
26 deliver to the organization representing thoroughbred breeders

1 and owners whose representative serves on the Illinois
2 Thoroughbred Breeders Fund Advisory Board a listing of all the
3 Illinois foaled and the Illinois conceived and foaled horses
4 which won breeders' awards and the amount of such breeders'
5 awards in accordance with the provisions of this Act. Such
6 payments shall be delivered by the organization licensee within
7 30 days of the end of each race meeting.

8 (k) The term "breeder", as used herein, means the owner of
9 the mare at the time the foal is dropped. An "Illinois foaled
10 horse" is a foal dropped by a mare which enters this State on
11 or before December 1, in the year in which the horse is bred,
12 provided the mare remains continuously in this State until its
13 foal is born. An "Illinois foaled horse" also means a foal born
14 of a mare in the same year as the mare enters this State on or
15 before March 1, and remains in this State at least 30 days
16 after foaling, is bred back during the season of the foaling to
17 an Illinois Registered Stallion (unless a veterinarian
18 certifies that the mare should not be bred for health reasons),
19 and is not bred to a stallion standing in any other state
20 during the season of foaling. An "Illinois foaled horse" also
21 means a foal born in Illinois of a mare purchased at public
22 auction subsequent to the mare entering this State prior to
23 February 1 of the foaling year providing the mare is owned
24 solely by one or more Illinois residents or an Illinois entity
25 that is entirely owned by one or more Illinois residents.

26 (l) The Department of Agriculture shall, by rule, with the

1 advice and assistance of the Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders
2 Fund Advisory Board:

3 (1) Qualify stallions for Illinois breeding; such
4 stallions to stand for service within the State of Illinois
5 at the time of a foal's conception. Such stallion must not
6 stand for service at any place outside the State of
7 Illinois during the calendar year in which the foal is
8 conceived. The Department of Agriculture may assess and
9 collect application fees for the registration of
10 Illinois-eligible stallions. All fees collected are to be
11 paid into the Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders Fund.

12 (2) Provide for the registration of Illinois conceived
13 and foaled horses and Illinois foaled horses. No such horse
14 shall compete in the races limited to Illinois conceived
15 and foaled horses or Illinois foaled horses or both unless
16 registered with the Department of Agriculture. The
17 Department of Agriculture may prescribe such forms as are
18 necessary to determine the eligibility of such horses. The
19 Department of Agriculture may assess and collect
20 application fees for the registration of Illinois-eligible
21 foals. All fees collected are to be paid into the Illinois
22 Thoroughbred Breeders Fund. No person shall knowingly
23 prepare or cause preparation of an application for
24 registration of such foals containing false information.

25 (m) The Department of Agriculture, with the advice and
26 assistance of the Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders Fund Advisory

1 Board, shall provide that certain races limited to Illinois
2 conceived and foaled and Illinois foaled horses be stakes races
3 and determine the total amount of stakes and awards to be paid
4 to the owners of the winning horses in such races.

5 In determining the stakes races and the amount of awards
6 for such races, the Department of Agriculture shall consider
7 factors, including but not limited to, the amount of money
8 appropriated for the Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders Fund
9 program, organization licensees' contributions, availability
10 of stakes caliber horses as demonstrated by past performances,
11 whether the race can be coordinated into the proposed racing
12 dates within organization licensees' racing dates, opportunity
13 for colts and fillies and various age groups to race, public
14 wagering on such races, and the previous racing schedule.

15 (n) The Board and the organizational licensee shall notify
16 the Department of the conditions and minimum purses for races
17 limited to Illinois conceived and foaled and Illinois foaled
18 horses conducted for each organizational licensee conducting a
19 thoroughbred racing meeting. The Department of Agriculture
20 with the advice and assistance of the Illinois Thoroughbred
21 Breeders Fund Advisory Board may allocate monies for purse
22 supplements for such races. In determining whether to allocate
23 money and the amount, the Department of Agriculture shall
24 consider factors, including but not limited to, the amount of
25 money appropriated for the Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders Fund
26 program, the number of races that may occur, and the

1 organizational licensee's purse structure.

2 (o) In order to improve the breeding quality of
3 thoroughbred horses in the State, the General Assembly
4 recognizes that existing provisions of this Section to
5 encourage such quality breeding need to be revised and
6 strengthened. As such, a Thoroughbred Breeder's Program Task
7 Force is to be appointed by the Governor by September 1, 1999
8 to make recommendations to the General Assembly by no later
9 than March 1, 2000. This task force is to be composed of 2
10 representatives from the Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders and
11 Owners Foundation, 2 from the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's
12 Association, 3 from Illinois race tracks operating
13 thoroughbred race meets for an average of at least 30 days in
14 the past 3 years, the Director of Agriculture, the Executive
15 Director of the Racing Board, who shall serve as Chairman.
16 (Source: P.A. 91-40, eff. 6-25-99.)".