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AGENDA
CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS
LIVE RACING COMMITTEE
11:00 A.M., TUESDAY, June 5, 2007

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the California Authority of Racing Fairs Live Racing Committee will convene at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 5, 2007. The meeting will be held at the California Authority of Racing office located at 1776 Tribute Road, Suite 205, Sacramento, California, 95815. Members of the Racing Committee may participate by conference call at the following locations:

Alameda County Fair
4501 Pleasanton Ave.
Pleasanton, CA 94566

Big Fresno Fair
1121 S. Chance Ave.
Fresno, CA 93702

Humboldt County Fair
1250 5th Street
Ferndale, CA 95536

San Joaquin Fair
1658 S. Airport Way
Stockton, CA 95206

San Mateo County Fair
2495 S. Delaware Street
San Mateo, CA 94403

Solano County Fair
900 Fairgrounds Drive
Vallejo, CA 94589

Sonoma County Fair
1350 Bennett Valley Dr.
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

AGENDA

- I. Approval of minutes
- II. Discussion and action, if any, on 2007 Legislation
- III. Discussion and action, if any, on 2008 and Future Racing Dates
- IV. Discussion and action, if any, on development of a future satellite wagering facility at San Mateo Fair
- V. Discussion and action, if any, on CDFA Funding
- VI. Executive Director's Report

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California Authority of Racing Fairs Legislative Report

- Last 10 Days

5/25/2007

AB 169(Levine) Joint powers authorities: Indian tribes. (I-01/23/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/23/2007-Referred to Com. on L.GOV.

Current Location: 05/23/2007-S L. GOV.

Digest: Existing law authorizes 2 or more public agencies, by agreement, to jointly exercise common powers. Existing law defines public agencies for this purpose.

This bill would provide that 16 federally recognized Indian tribal governments may participate in the Southern California Association of Governments, a joint powers authority, for specified purposes and subject to specified conditions in the 6-county region of the Southern California Association of Governments.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to add Section 6530.5 to the Government Code, relating to joint powers authorities.

History:

May 23 Referred to Com. on L.GOV.

May 14 Read third time, passed, and to Senate.

May 14 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

May 7 Read second time. To third reading.

May 3 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (May 2).

Mar. 12 Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Jan. 24 From printer. May be heard in committee February 23.

Jan. 23 Read first time. To print.

Organization

CARF

AB 236(Lieu) Public resources: state and local motor vehicle fleets. (A-04/26/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/16/2007-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR.

suspense file.

Current Location: 05/16/2007-A APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Calendar Events: 05/31/07 Upon call of the Chair - ROOM 4202 ASM
APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE

Digest: (1) Existing law requires each state office, agency, and department that has bifuel natural gas and bifuel propane vehicles in its fleet to use the respective alternative fuel in those vehicles to the maximum extent possible *the Department of General Services, in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission) and the State Air Resources Board (board), to develop and adopt specifications and standards for all passenger cars and light-duty trucks that are purchased or leased on behalf of, or by, state offices, agencies, and departments. These specifications and standards are required to include specified elements. The Energy Commission and the board developed and adopted recommendations on a California Strategy to Reduce Petroleum Dependency (strategy). The Energy Commission in partnership with the board is required by June 30, 2007, to develop and adopt a state plan to increase the use of alternative transportation fuels (state plan) . The Director of General Services is required to compile and maintain specified information on the nature of vehicles that are owned or leased by the state.*

This bill would require each state office, agency, and department that has flex fuel vehicles in its fleet to use the respective alternative fuel in those vehicles to the maximum extent possible *the Energy Commission, in conjunction with the board and the Department of General Services, by December 31, 2008, to amend and revise existing purchasing methodology to rank environmental and energy benefits, and costs of motor vehicles for potential procurement by state and local governments to be consistent with the strategy and the state plan, and to develop vehicle ranking containing specified criteria. By July 1, 2009, available vehicles in individual classes would be ranked based on the purchasing methodology revised by the Energy Commission. The Department of General Services would be required to procure, for use in the state fleet, vehicles that meet federal requirements and have been ranked best in their class as determined by the revised purchasing methodology, except as specified. The Department of General Services would be required to take specified actions regarding vehicle procurement and alternative fuel and related infrastructure. By July 1, 2009, a vehicle capable of using alternative fuels would be required to be operated on those fuels unless it is impossible to do so . The Director of General Services would be required to compile and maintain the number of alternative fuel vehicles in the vehicle fleet that use the respective*

alternative fuel in those vehicles and the number that use petroleum and to report annually to the Legislature and the Governor the information on the nature of vehicles that are owned or leased by the state *and the total annual consumption of fuel. On December 31, 2009, and annually thereafter, the Director of General Services would, additionally, be required to report to the Legislature and the Governor on the total alternative fuel capacity of the tanks of all the alternative fueled vehicles in the state fleet and the total annual vehicle miles traveled by state vehicles* . The Secretary of State and Consumer Services Agency, in consultation with the Department of General Services and other appropriate agencies, would be required, on or before December 31, 2008, to develop and implement, and submit to the Legislature and the Governor, a plan to reduce or displace the state fleet's consumption of petroleum products.

(2) Existing law authorizes a city, county, city and county, and special district, including a school district and a community college district, when awarding a vehicle procurement contract, to evaluate and score fuel economy, in addition to other life-cycle factors, in choosing passenger cars or light-duty trucks, or both, with the lowest life-cycle cost; and to require that 75% of the passenger cars or light-duty trucks, or both, to be acquired be energy-efficient vehicles.

This bill would require a city, county, city and county, and special district, including a school district and a community college district, ~~when awarding a vehicle procurement contract, to consider evaluating and scoring fuel cost, fuel economy, emissions, and whether the vehicle is powered by an alternative fuel, and to consider requiring that 75% of the passenger cars or light-duty trucks, or both, to be acquired be energy-efficient vehicles. By requiring a local agency to consider the evaluation and scoring of fuel costs, fuel economy, emissions, and whether the vehicle is powered by an alternative fuel, and to consider requiring that 75% of the specified vehicles to be acquired be energy-efficient vehicles,~~ *with a vehicle fleet of 100 vehicles or more to evaluate and utilize the purchasing methodology revised by the Energy Commission describe above in its consideration of its motor vehicle procurement procedure, but these local entities would not be bound by that methodology until January 1, 2011. Because this bill would imposed-increase the level of services imposed on local government, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.*

(3) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

Laws: An act to amend Sections 25722.5, 25725, and 25726 of, and to add Sections 25722.6, 25722.8, and 25727 to, the Public Resources Code, relating to public resources.

History:

May 16 In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Apr. 30 Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Apr. 26 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Read second time and amended.

Mar. 29 From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 9. Noes 1.) (March 27).

Mar. 7 Re-referred to Com. on B. & P.

Mar. 6 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on B. & P. Read second time and amended.

Mar. 1 Referred to Com. on B. & P.

Feb. 1 From printer. May be heard in committee March 3.

Jan. 31 Read first time. To print.

Organization
CARF

Subject
Fuel

AB 241 (Price) Horse racing. (A-04/09/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/23/2007-Referred to Com. on G.O.

Current Location: 05/23/2007-S G.O.

Digest: *Existing law generally regulates horse racing, including satellite wagering on horse races.*

This bill would authorize and additional 5 satellite wagering facilities in the County of Los Angeles, as specified.

Existing law generally regulates horse racing and defines "inclosure" for purposes of wagering as all areas of the racing association's or fair's grounds and locations, as designated by the racing association or fair

licensed to conduct a live racing meeting and approved by the board, excluding the public parking lot.

This bill would delete the parking lot exclusion from that definition. The bill would also authorize a racing association or fair to conduct satellite wagering at commercial establishments situated within the inclosure.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes . State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to amend Section 19410 of, and to add Sections 19605.25 and 19605.37 to, the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

History:

May 23 Referred to Com. on G.O.

May 17 Read third time, passed, and to Senate. (Ayes 70. Noes 1. Page 1523.)

May 17 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

May 14 Read second time. To third reading.

May 10 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 16. Noes 0.) (May 9).

Apr. 26 From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 14. Noes 0.) (April 25).

Apr. 10 Re-referred to Com. on G.O.

Apr. 9 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on G.O. Read second time and amended.

Mar. 29 From committee: Be re-referred to Com. on G.O. Re-referred. (Ayes 10. Noes 0.) (March 29).

Mar. 15 Re-referred to Com. on RLS. by unanimous consent.

Mar. 13 Re-referred to Com. on B. & P.

Mar. 12 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on B. & P. Read second time and amended.

Feb. 13 Referred to Com. on B. & P.

Feb. 1 From printer. May be heard in committee March 3.

Jan. 31 Read first time. To print.

Organization

CARF

Subject

Horse Racing

AB 356(Mendoza) Gambling control. (I-02/14/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/17/2007-Referred to Com. on G.O.

Current Location: 05/17/2007-S G.O.

Digest: (1) Existing law, the Gambling Control Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of various legalized gambling activities and establishments by the California Gambling Control Commission. Under the act, a corporation is ineligible to receive a license to own a gambling enterprise unless the conduct of controlled gambling is among the purposes stated in its articles of incorporation, and the articles of incorporation have been submitted to and approved by the commission. This bill would authorize the commission to delegate to staff the approval of articles of incorporation, statements of limited partnership, and other entity filings that are required to specifically state that gambling is one of the purposes for which the business entity is formed.

(2) Existing law relating to legalized gambling defines and regulates controlled games. Existing law prohibits a player fee from being calculated as a fraction or percentage of wagers made or winnings earned. Existing law also authorizes flat fees on each wager to be assessed at different collection rates, but no more than 3 collection rates may be established per table.

This bill would increase that amount to 5 collection rates per table.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to add Section 19881.5 to the Business and Professions Code, and to amend Section 337j of the Penal Code, relating to gaming.

History:

May 17 Referred to Com. on G.O.

May 10 Read third time, passed, and to Senate. (Ayes 47. Noes 14. Page 1429.)

May 10 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

May 7 Read second time. To third reading.

May 3 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 11. Noes 5.) (May 2).

Apr. 19 From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 10. Noes 0.) (April 18).

Feb. 22 Referred to Com. on G.O.

Feb. 15 From printer. May be heard in committee March 17.

Feb. 14 Read first time. To print.

Organization

CARF

AB 397(Adams) Sales and use taxes: exemption: fuel taxes. (A-

03/29/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 05/21/2007-In committee: Set, second hearing. Held under submission.

Current Location: 05/21/2007-A REV. & TAX

Digest: *The Sales and Use Tax Law imposes a state sales and use tax on the gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property sold at retail in this state or on the sales price of tangible personal property purchased from a retailer for the storage, use, or other consumption of that property in this state by the purchaser.*

This bill would provide, for purposes of that law, that the terms "sales price" and "gross receipts" do not include the amount of any state and federal fuel taxes, as specified.

Counties and cities are authorized to impose local sales and use taxes in conformity with state sales and use taxes. Exemptions from state sales and use taxes enacted by the Legislature are automatically incorporated into the local taxes.

Section 2230 of the Revenue and Taxation Code provides that the state will reimburse counties and cities for revenue losses caused by the enactment of sales and use tax exemptions.

This bill would provide that, notwithstanding Section 2230 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, no appropriation is made and the state shall not reimburse local agencies for sales and use tax revenues lost by them pursuant to this bill.

This bill would take effect immediately as a tax levy, but its operative date would depend on its effective date.

~~Existing law prescribes the duties and powers of local governmental agencies. The Political Reform Act of 1974, among other things, governs campaign disclosure requirements.~~

~~This bill would prohibit any local agency from paying dues to an organization of which it is a member that makes monetary contributions to a political campaign.~~

~~Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes . State-mandated local program: ~~no~~-yes .~~

Laws: An act to amend Sections 6011 and 6012 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation, to take effect immediately, tax levy.

History:

May 21 In committee: Set, second hearing. Held under submission.
May 15 In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to REV. & TAX.
suspense file.
Apr. 9 Re-referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.
Mar. 29 Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.
Mar. 29 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and
re-refer to Com. on REV. & TAX. Read second time and amended.
Feb. 16 From printer. May be heard in committee March 18.
Feb. 15 Read first time. To print.

Organization
CARF

Subject
Dues

AB 532 (Wolk) **State property: solar energy.** (A-05/10/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/23/2007-Set, first hearing. Referred to Appropriations suspense
file.

Current Location: 05/23/2007-A APPR. SUSPENSE

Calendar Events: 05/31/07 Upon call of the Chair - ROOM 4202 ASM
APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE

Digest: Existing law requires the Department of General Services, in
consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and
Development Commission, to ensure that solar energy equipment is
installed, no later than January 1, 2007, on all state buildings and state
parking facilities, where feasible.

This bill would require the department to ensure that solar energy
equipment is installed no later than January 1, 2009, on these buildings
and facilities, as well as ~~state-operated~~ *state-owned* swimming pools that
are heated with fossil fuels or electricity, where feasible.

Existing law requires that solar energy equipment be installed, where
feasible, as part of the construction of all state buildings and state parking
facilities for which construction commences on or after January 1, 2003.

This bill would change this requirement to apply to construction
commencing on or after January 1, 2008.

Existing law provides that it is feasible to install solar equipment if
adequate space on or adjacent to a building is available, if the solar-
energy equipment is cost-effective, and if funding is available.

This bill would specify that funding for purposes of determining if

installation is feasible may be funding from the state or another source.
Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to amend Section 14684.1 of the Government Code, relating to state property.

History:

May 14 Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

May 10 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Read second time and amended.

Apr. 18 From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 9. Noes 1.) (April 17).

Mar. 29 Referred to Com. on B. & P.

Feb. 22 From printer. May be heard in committee March 24.

Feb. 21 Read first time. To print.

Organization
CARF

Subject
Property

AB 617(Torrico) State contracts: information technology goods and services.

(A-04/30/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/24/2007-From SECOND READING: Read second time. To CONSENT CALENDAR

Current Location: 05/24/2007-A CONSENT CALENDAR

Calendar Events: 05/25/07 69 ASM CONSENT CALENDAR

Digest: Existing law authorizes the Department of General Services to provide for progress payments in any contract for information technology goods or services that are to be manufactured or performed by the contractor, exclusively for the state, at the contractor's shop or plant, provided that not less than 10% of the contract price be withheld until final delivery and acceptance of the goods or services, and that the contractor submit a faithful performance bond, in a specified sum. ~~This bill would define "progress payments" for purposes of those contracts, as payments contractually required to be made to the contractor, for the purpose of financing that contractor's cost of delivering a good or service, prior to the actual delivery of that good or service, as provided.~~

This bill would repeal this provision authorizing the department to provide for progress payments in any contract for information technology goods or services that are to be manufactured or performed by the contractor, exclusively for the state. This bill would instead require the department to develop and maintain guidelines to establish a framework for the evaluation of risk to the state that results from the acquisition of information technology goods or services, and would require this risk analysis to determine the need for financial protection that is in the best interest of the state, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to repeal and add Section 12112 of the Public Contract Code, relating to public contracts.

History:

May 23 From committee: Do pass. To Consent Calendar. (May 23).
May 1 Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Apr. 30 Read second time and amended.
Apr. 26 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 10. Noes 0.) (April 24).
Mar. 12 Referred to Com. on B. & P.
Feb. 22 From printer. May be heard in committee March 24.
Feb. 21 Read first time. To print.

Organization
CARF

Subject
Contracting

AB 649(Ma) Horse racing: jockeys. (A-05/01/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/24/2007-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Current Location: 05/24/2007-S RLS.

Digest: Existing law establishes the California Horse Racing Board, which generally regulates horse racing in the state, including setting riding fees for jockeys that apply in the absence of an agreement regarding riding fees to the contrary.
This bill would require the minimum jockey riding fee to be increased as of, effective January 1, 2008, as specified, and thereafter when the state

minimum wage is increased, as specified. The bill would provide that the new fees are minimum jockey riding fees, as specified.

The bill would state findings and declarations of the Legislature relative to jockey riding fees.

Because this bill would impose requirements, the violation of which would be a misdemeanor, pursuant to existing provisions of law, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

Laws: An act to add Section 19501 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

History:

May 24 Read third time, passed, and to Senate.

May 24 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

May 21 Read second time. To third reading.

May 17 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 12. Noes 5.) (May 16).

May 2 Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

May 1 Read second time and amended.

Apr. 30 From committee: Amend, do pass as amended, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 10. Noes 4.) (April 25).

Mar. 28 Re-referred to Com. on G.O.

Mar. 27 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on G.O. Read second time and amended.

Mar. 1 Referred to Com. on G.O.

Feb. 22 From printer. May be heard in committee March 24.

Feb. 21 Read first time. To print.

Organization

CARF

Notes: Oppose-Unless-Amended letter dated 4/20/07 authored by Drew J.

Couto, President, TOC

Subject

Horse Racing

AB 733(Calderon, Charles) Gambling: exclusion from gambling

establishments. (A-04/11/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/17/2007-Referred to Com. on G.O.

Current Location: 05/17/2007-S G.O.

Digest: The Gambling Control Act provides for the licensure of certain individuals and establishments involved in various gambling activities, and for the regulation of those activities, by the California Gambling Control Commission. The act provides for the enforcement of those activities by the Division of Gambling Control within the Department of Justice.

Existing law requires the commission, by regulation, to provide for the formulation of a list of persons who are to be excluded or ejected from any gambling establishment, to distribute that list to all owner licensees, and to provide notice to any persons included on the list. Existing law requires the commission to adopt regulations establishing procedures for the hearing of petitions by persons who are ejected or excluded from licensed premises pursuant to these or other specified provisions.

This bill would, instead, require that the above duties relating to persons who are to be excluded or ejected from any gambling establishment be performed by the Division of Gambling Control. The bill would allow the commission to recommend to the division the names of persons it believes should be included on the list of those persons. *The bill would make other technical, conforming changes.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to amend Sections 19840, 19844, and 19845 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to gambling.

History:

May 17 Referred to Com. on G.O.

May 10 Read third time, passed, and to Senate. (Ayes 72. Noes 0. Page 1436.)

May 10 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

May 7 Read second time. To Consent Calendar.

May 3 From committee: Do pass. To Consent Calendar. (May 2).

Apr. 19 From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. Re-referred. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (April 18).

Apr. 12 Re-referred to Com. on G.O.

Apr. 11 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on G.O. Read second time and amended.
Mar. 8 Referred to Com. on G.O.
Feb. 23 From printer. May be heard in committee March 25.
Feb. 22 Read first time. To print.

Organization
CARF

Subject
Gambling

AB 765(Evans) Horse racing: racetrack inclosures. (A-05/23/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/24/2007-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Current Location: 05/24/2007-A APPR.

Calendar Events: 05/31/07 Upon call of the Chair - ROOM 4202 ASM
APPROPRIATIONS

Digest: Existing law requires fairs and racing associations to pay a certain percentage of the handle from races to be paid to the state as license fees , *and to pay other portions of the handle out for other purposes, as specified .*

This bill would provide that certain fairs or associations, or combined entities , ~~may be required to pay an additional~~ *contribute* 1% of the handle ~~to the state,~~ to be used ~~to~~ for maintenance and improvements at a fair's racetrack inclosure , *for those fairs that contribute .* The money raised would be deposited into the Inclosure Facilities Improvement ~~Fund Account~~ , a continuously appropriated ~~fund-account~~ created by the bill *in the Fair and Exposition Fund* , thereby making an appropriation. The bill would ~~authorize~~ *direct* the Secretary of Food and Agriculture to appoint a committee to advise on the administration of the funds raised pursuant to the provisions of the bill, and would require the secretary to report any allocations made pursuant to those provisions of the bill, as specified. ~~This bill would result in a change in state taxes for the purpose of increasing state revenues within the meaning of Section 3 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, and thus would require for passage the approval of 2/3 of the membership of each house of the Legislature. This bill would take effect immediately as a tax levy.~~

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to add Section 19601.4 to the Business and Professions Code,

relating to horse racing, and making an appropriation therefor.

History:

May 24 Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

May 23 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Read second time and amended.

May 22 From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 6. Noes 3.) (May 21).

Apr. 26 From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on REV. & TAX. Re-referred. (Ayes 9. Noes 5.) (April 25).

Apr. 12 Re-referred to Com. on G.O.

Apr. 11 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on G.O. Read second time and amended.

Mar. 15 Referred to Coms. on G.O. and REV. & TAX.

Feb. 23 From printer. May be heard in committee March 25.

Feb. 22 Read first time. To print.

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Subject</i>
CARF	Support	Horse Racing

Notes: Support letter dated 3/19/07 authored by C. Korby
Support letter dated 5/10/07 authored by L. Brown

AB 813(Portantino) Advance deposit wagering. (I-02/22/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/21/2007-Read second time. To third reading.

Current Location: 05/21/2007-A THIRD READING

Calendar Events: 05/25/07 39 ASM THIRD READING FILE

Digest: Under existing law, the provisions authorizing advance deposit wagering on horse races will be repealed as of January 1, 2008.

This bill would delete that repeal date.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to amend Section 19604 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

History:

May 21 Read second time. To third reading.

May 17 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 17. Noes 0.) (May 16).

Apr. 26 From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-

referred. (Ayes 14. Noes 0.) (April 25).

Mar. 8 Referred to Com. on G.O.

Feb. 23 From printer. May be heard in committee March 25.

Feb. 22 Read first time. To print.

Organization

CARF

Subject

Horse Racing

AB (Plescia) Racehorses: liens for services. (A-04/23/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))
1016

Status: 05/17/2007-Referred to Coms. on G.O. and JUD.

Current Location: 05/17/2007-S G.O.

Digest: (1) Existing law creates a general lien on livestock in possession of a livestock servicer to secure the performance of the obligations of the owner to that person. Under existing law, if the owner fails to satisfy those obligations, the livestock servicer may sell the livestock after obtaining the consent of the owner, a court order, or judgment, and recover the costs of the obligations of the owner and lien enforcement, as specified. Existing law also creates a general lien, dependent upon possession, for veterinary proprietors and veterinary surgeons for their compensation in caring for, boarding, feeding, and medical treatment of animals.

This bill would permit a general lien on racehorses in the possession of a breeder, trainer, owner, ~~branding-breeding~~ farm, fair training facility, or racetrack for their compensation in caring for, boarding, feeding, and medical treatment of racehorses. The bill would permit that breeder, trainer, owner, ~~branding-breeding~~ farm, fair training facility, or racetrack, if the obligations of the owner of the racehorse are not satisfied, to sell a racehorse that has a value of \$4,000 or less without obtaining the consent of the owner, court order, or judgment, if the amount of the lien is at least 50% of the value of the racehorse and notice is sent to the owner prior to the sale of the racehorse, as specified. The bill would require that the notice of sale be signed under penalty of perjury. By creating a new crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The bill would also express the intent of the Legislature that a racehorse sold pursuant to these provisions may not be sold to a person who intends to possess, import into or export from the state, or to sell, buy, give away, hold, or accept a racehorse with the intent of killing, or having

another kill, that racehorse if that person knows or should have known that any part of the racehorse will be used for human consumption, as specified.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

Laws: An act to add Article 12 (commencing with Section 19680) to Chapter 4 of Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code, and to add Section 3080.23 to the Civil Code, relating to racehorses.

History:

May 17 Referred to Coms. on G.O. and JUD.

May 10 Read third time, passed, and to Senate. (Ayes 66. Noes 3. Page 1421.)

May 10 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

May 7 Read second time. To third reading.

May 3 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (May 2).

Apr. 24 Re-referred to Com. on JUD.

Apr. 24 From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 8. Noes 1.) (April 24).

Apr. 23 Read second time and amended.

Apr. 23 Joint Rule 62(a), file notice waived. (Page 1112.)

Apr. 19 From committee: Amend, do pass as amended, and re-refer to Com. on JUD. (Ayes 14. Noes 0.) (April 18).

Mar. 22 Referred to Coms. on G.O. and JUD.

Feb. 23 From printer. May be heard in committee March 25.

Feb. 22 Read first time. To print.

Organization
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Subject
Horse Racing

Status: 05/21/2007-Read second time. To third reading.
Current Location: 05/21/2007-A THIRD READING
Calendar Events: 05/25/07 42 ASM THIRD READING FILE

Digest: Existing law authorizes satellite wagering, as specified. Existing law provides that all revenues distributed to the state as license fees from horse racing are required to be deposited in the Fair and Exposition Fund and are continuously appropriated to the Department of Food and Agriculture for various regulatory and general governmental purposes. This bill would authorize the Alameda County Fair to operate 2 additional satellite wagering facilities, with certain approval, as specified. The bill would also authorize the Los Angeles County Fair to conduct satellite wagering at one additional location, under certain conditions. By expanding wagering on horse racing by authorizing additional satellite wagering facilities, this bill would increase the amount of continuously appropriated license fees, thereby making an appropriation. Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to add Sections 19605.46 and 19605.47 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing, and making an appropriation therefor.

History:

May 21 Read second time. To third reading.
May 17 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 17. Noes 0.) (May 16).
Apr. 26 From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 14. Noes 0.) (April 25).
Mar. 26 Referred to Com. on G.O.
Feb. 26 Read first time.
Feb. 25 From printer. May be heard in committee March 27.
Feb. 23 Introduced. To print.

Organization
CARF

Subject
Horse Racing

AB (Price) Advance deposit wagering: out-of-state providers. (A-
1289 04/09/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))
Status: 05/16/2007-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR.

suspense file.

Current Location: 05/16/2007-A APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Calendar Events: 05/31/07 Upon call of the Chair - ROOM 4202 ASM
APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE

Digest: Existing law authorizes advance deposit wagering to be conducted, with the approval of the California Horse Racing Board. Under existing law, advance deposit wagering is defined as a form of parimutuel wagering in which a person residing within California or outside of the state establishes an account with a licensee, board-approved betting system, or multijurisdictional wagering hub located within California or outside of the state.

This bill would remove from that definition, and from all provisions related to the authorization of advance deposit wagering, the reference to a multijurisdictional wagering hub located outside of the state.

Under existing law, in order for a licensee, betting system, or multijurisdictional wagering hub to be approved by the board to conduct advance deposit wagering, it must meet certain requirements.

This bill would add to those requirements that the employees who operate and administer the advance deposit wagering on a daily basis shall work in California.

Existing law requires the California Horse Racing Board to adopt rules to license and regulate all phases of operation of advance deposit wagering for licensees, betting systems, and multijurisdictional hubs located in California.

This bill would require the rules adopted by the board to include a requirement that employees represented in the same or similar classifications be employed at a ratio of one employee for every \$20,000 in wagers handled by those licensees, betting systems, and multijurisdictional hubs.

Existing law specifies how the amount received as a market access fee from advance deposit wagers shall be distributed.

This bill would require that a specified amount of that fee be used to establish and administer a defined contribution retirement plan for California jockeys, as specified.

Under existing law, the provisions relating to advance deposit wagering will be repealed on January 1, 2008.

This bill would delay the repeal date until January 1, 2011.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to amend Section 19604 of the Business and Professions

Code, relating to horse racing.

History:

May 16 In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Apr. 26 Joint Rule 62(a), file notice waived. (Page 1177.)
Apr. 26 From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 13. Noes 1.) (April 26).
Apr. 18 In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.
Apr. 10 Re-referred to Com. on G.O.
Apr. 9 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on G.O. Read second time and amended.
Mar. 15 Referred to Com. on G.O.
Feb. 26 Read first time.
Feb. 25 From printer. May be heard in committee March 27.
Feb. 23 Introduced. To print.

Organization
CARF

Subject
Gambling

AB (Torrico) Horse racing. (I-02/23/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))
1308

Status: 05/17/2007-Referred to Com. on G.O.
Current Location: 05/17/2007-S G.O.

Digest: Existing law authorizes a licensed racing association or fair that conducts a live race meeting to accept wagers on any race in the state, as specified.

This bill would authorize a thoroughbred association or fair, subject to approval by the board, to deduct from the parimutuel pool for any type of wager, a specified percentage for the meeting of the thoroughbred association or fair that accepts the wager.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to add Section 19601.01 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

History:

May 17 Referred to Com. on G.O.
May 7 Read third time, passed, and to Senate. (Ayes 75. Noes 0. Page 1356.)
May 7 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
Apr. 23 Read second time. To third reading.
Apr. 19 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 16. Noes 0.) (April 18).
Mar. 29 From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. Re-referred. (Ayes 14. Noes 0.) (March 28).
Mar. 15 Referred to Com. on G.O.
Feb. 26 Read first time.
Feb. 25 From printer. May be heard in committee March 27.
Feb. 23 Introduced. To print.

Organization
CARF

Subject
Horse Racing

AB (Garrick) Horse racing: controlled substances: administrative hearings.
1616 (A-05/24/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/24/2007-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on G.O.

Current Location: 05/24/2007-S G.O.

Digest: Existing law requires enforcement proceedings relating to the use of prohibited substances during a horse race be referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings for adjudication, as specified.

This bill would instead require referral to *either* a Board of Stewards or hearing officer appointed by the California Horse Racing Board *at the election of the respondent*.

Existing law also provides that the California Horse Racing Board shall neither modify nor amend a proposed decision by the administrative law judge so as to increase any sanction or penalty contemplated in the proposed decision, and that the board may, by means of a written decision that includes the reasons for its decision, modify or amend a proposed decision by the administrative law judge so as to decrease, mitigate, or suspend a sanction or penalty contemplated in the proposed decision.

The bill would repeal those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to amend Section 19517.5 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

History:

May 24 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on G.O.

May 17 Referred to Com. on G.O.

May 10 Read third time, passed, and to Senate. (Ayes 72. Noes 0. Page 1437.)

May 10 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

May 7 Read second time. To Consent Calendar.

May 3 From committee: Do pass. To Consent Calendar. (May 2).

May 1 Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Apr. 30 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Read second time and amended.

Apr. 19 From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. Re-referred. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (April 18).

Apr. 10 Re-referred to Com. on G.O.

Apr. 9 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on G.O. Read second time and amended.

Mar. 26 Referred to Com. on G.O.

Feb. 26 Read first time.

Feb. 25 From printer. May be heard in committee March 27.

Feb. 23 Introduced. To print.

Organization
CARF

Subject
Horse Racing

AB (Committee on Governmental Organization) Horse racing: imported
1736 races. (I-03/15/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/17/2007-Referred to Com. on G.O.

Current Location: 05/17/2007-S G.O.

Digest: Existing law regulates the number of out-of-state races that may

be imported, exclusive of races that are part of the race card of specified events.

This bill would add Travers Stakes to the list of events not included in the limitation on imported races.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to amend Section 19596.2 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

History:

May 17 Referred to Com. on G.O.

May 7 Read third time, passed, and to Senate. (Ayes 74. Noes 0. Page 1357.)

May 7 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Apr. 24 Read second time. To third reading.

Apr. 23 Withdrawn from committee. Ordered placed on second reading file.

Apr. 19 From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (April 18).

Mar. 29 Referred to Com. on G.O.

Mar. 15 Read first time. To print.

Organization
CARF

Subject
Horse Racing

SB 62 (Florez) Tribal gaming. (I-01/16/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/17/2007-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Current Location: 05/17/2007-A DESK

Digest: Existing law creates in the State Treasury the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund for the receipt and deposit of moneys received by the state from Indian tribes pursuant to the terms of tribal-state gaming compacts. Existing law authorizes moneys in that fund to be used by the Legislature for certain purposes, including for shortfalls in payments that occur in the Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Trust Fund. This bill would provide that if there are insufficient funds in the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund to fully fund payments to eligible recipient tribes from the Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Trust Fund,

money from payments by tribes to the General Fund pursuant to any tribal-state compact shall be transferred to the Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Trust Fund in an amount equal to the deficiency, in order to supplement the payments to be made from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund to the Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Trust Fund. Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to amend Section 12012.90 of the Government Code, relating to tribal gaming.

History:

May 17 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 38. Noes 0. Page 999.) To Assembly.
May 17 In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.
May 16 Read second time. To third reading. To Special Consent Calendar.
May 15 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 14. Noes 0. Page 967.)
May 3 Hearing postponed by committee. Set for hearing May 14.
Apr. 25 Set for hearing May 7.
Apr. 24 From committee: Do pass, but first be re-referred to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 8. Noes 0. Page 711.) Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Apr. 9 Set for hearing April 24.
Jan. 25 To Com. on G.O.
Jan. 17 From print. May be acted upon on or after February 16.
Jan. 16 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Organization
CARF

Subject
Tribal Gaming

SB 125 (Harman) Horse racing. (A-03/12/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/17/2007-To Com. on G.O.

Current Location: 05/17/2007-A G.O.

Digest: Existing law requires a quarter horse racing association in the southern zone to show races of a harness racing association in the northern zone via satellite, and requires a harness racing association in the northern zone to show races of a quarter horse racing association in

the southern zone via satellite, as specified. Existing law also requires each racing association to pay the other an additional 5% of the amount wagered on the satellite races at their respective facilities, as specified. Existing law requires that the additional 5% received by harness racing associations be distributed equally as commissions to the racing association and as purses to the horsemen participating in the meeting. This bill would expand the distribution schedule described above for the additional 5% of the amount wagered on satellite races received to each racing association by deleting the reference to harness racing associations. *Existing law prohibits certain authorized fees or charges from being paid by the operator of a satellite wagering facility that was licensed in the northern zone prior to January 1, 2000.*

This bill would state that it is, and always has been, the intent of the Legislature that this provision apply to impact fees charged by a thoroughbred racing association or a thoroughbred fair racing association in the northern zone, on satellite wagers accepted by satellite facilities operated by those associations. The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to amend Sections 19601 and 19605.35 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

History:

May 17 To Com. on G.O.

Apr. 9 Read third time. Urgency clause adopted. Passed. (Ayes 32. Noes 0. Page 467.) To Assembly.

Apr. 9 In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Mar. 28 Read second time. To third reading.

Mar. 27 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 6. Noes 0. Page 385.)

Mar. 13 Set for hearing March 27.

Mar. 12 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Com. on G.O.

Feb. 1 To Com. on G.O.

Jan. 24 From print. May be acted upon on or after February 23.

Jan. 23 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Organization
CARF

SB 152 (Florez) Gambling: local gambling ordinances. (A-03/14/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/17/2007-To Com. on G.O.

Current Location: 05/17/2007-A G.O.

Digest: The Gambling Control Act permits a city, county, or city and county to permit controlled gambling, consistent with state law, if a majority of voters affirmatively approve an ordinance so permitting, as specified. That law provides that an amendment of an ordinance permitting an expansion of gambling, within a specified threshold, may occur without voter approval. Under that law, any amendment to a city or county ordinance relating to gambling establishments or the Gambling Control Act is required to be submitted to the Division of Gambling Control for review and comment before the ordinance is adopted by the city or county. That law permits, without voter approval, an amendment to an ordinance permitting an increase of 24.99% in the number of gambling tables that may be operated in a gambling establishment in a city, county, or city and county, or 2 gambling tables, whichever is greater, compared to the ordinance in effect on January 1, 1996. This bill would further permit, without voter approval, a city, county, or city and county to amend an ordinance to increase the number of gambling tables that may be operated in a gambling establishment by a change that results in an increase not to exceed 35% when compared to the ordinance in effect on January 1, 2007, if the ordinance in effect on January 1, 2007, prohibits more than ~~10~~ 12 gambling tables that may be operated in a gambling establishment.
Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to add Section 19965 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to gambling.

History:

May 17 To Com. on G.O.

Apr. 26 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 26. Noes 7. Page 756.) To Assembly.

Apr. 26 In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Apr. 18 Read second time. To third reading.
Apr. 17 From committee: Be placed on second reading file pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8.
Mar. 27 From committee: Do pass, but first be re-referred to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 1. Page 385.) Re-referred to Com. on APPR. Set for hearing April 16.
Mar. 14 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Com. on G.O. Set for hearing March 27.
Feb. 15 To Com. on G.O.
Jan. 30 From print. May be acted upon on or after March 1.
Jan. 29 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Organization
CARF

Subject
Ordinances

SB 249 (Negrete McLeod) Horser racing: unauthorized payments. (I-

02/14/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/17/2007-To Com. on G.O.

Current Location: 05/17/2007-A G.O.

Digest: Existing law prohibits racing associations or fairs that are licensed in California from making unauthorized payments to a horse owner or agent for the benefit of horsemen, and prohibits horse owners or their agents from accepting unauthorized payments or other consideration, except as specified.

This bill would provide that this prohibition does not apply to any payment by a licensed thoroughbred racing association in connection with funds contributed or authorized by the horsemen's organization responsible for negotiating purse agreements on behalf of the horsemen participating in the racing meeting, including purse supplements, sponsorship contributions, or promotional funds.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to amend Section 19618.2 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

History:

May 17 To Com. on G.O.
May 7 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 38. Noes 0. Page 869.) To Assembly.
May 7 In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.
Apr. 25 Read second time. To Consent Calendar.
Apr. 24 From committee: Do pass. To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 8. Noes 0. Page 711.)
Apr. 9 Set for hearing April 24.
Feb. 22 To Com. on G.O.
Feb. 15 From print. May be acted upon on or after March 17.
Feb. 14 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Organization
CARF

Subject
Horse Racing

SB 281 (Maldonado) District agricultural associations: goods and property. (A-05/10/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))
Status: 05/24/2007-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.
Current Location: 05/24/2007-A DESK

Digest: Under existing law, a district agricultural association, with the approval of the Department of Food and Agriculture and the Department of General Services, may enter into contracts, purchase, convey, sell, or lease property, or engage in several other types of legal transactions. This bill would require the Department of Food and Agriculture and the Department of General Services to develop criteria to be used for the purchase of goods and the disposal of property by a district agricultural association and the California Exposition and State Fair.
Vote: majority. **Appropriation:** no. **Fiscal committee:** yes. **State-mandated local program:** no.

Laws: An act to add Section 4059 to the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to agriculture.

History:

May 24 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 35. Noes 1.) To Assembly.
May 24 In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.
May 10 Read second time. Amended. To third reading.
May 9 From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 15. Noes 0. Page 886.)

Apr. 25 Set for hearing May 7.
Apr. 24 From committee: Do pass, but first be re-referred to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 8. Noes 0. Page 711.) Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Apr. 9 Set for hearing April 24.
Mar. 28 From committee: Do pass, but first be re-referred to Com. on G.O. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 5. Noes 0. Page 410.) Re-referred to Com. on G.O.
Mar. 21 Set for hearing March 27.
Mar. 19 Hearing postponed by committee.
Mar. 6 Set for hearing March 20.
Feb. 22 To Coms. on AGRI. and G.O.
Feb. 16 From print. May be acted upon on or after March 18.
Feb. 15 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Organization

CARF

Notes: Support letter dated 3/13/07

Subject

Property

SB 289 (Vincent) Gambling Control Act: licenses. (I-02/15/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/17/2007-To Com. on G.O.

Current Location: 05/17/2007-A G.O.

Digest: The Gambling Control Act provides for the licensure and regulation of various legalized gambling activities and establishments by the California Gambling Control Commission, and for the investigation and enforcement of those activities and establishments by the Division of Gambling Control within the Department of Justice. Under that act, a person is deemed unsuitable to hold a state gambling license if that person, or any partner, officer, director, or shareholder of that person, has a financial interest in a business or organization engaged in any form of prohibited gambling, as specified.

This bill would revise that provision by authorizing the commission to deem an applicant or licensee suitable to hold a state gambling license even if the applicant or licensee has a financial interest in another business conducting lawful gambling outside of California that, if conducted within the state, would violate California law, unless the applicant or licensee owns more than a 1% interest in, or has control of, that business.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to add Section 19858.5 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to gaming, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

History:

May 17 To Com. on G.O.

May 7 Read third time. Urgency clause adopted. Passed. (Ayes 28. Noes 0. Page 869.) To Assembly.

May 7 In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Apr. 24 Read second time. To third reading.

Apr. 23 From committee: Be placed on second reading file pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8.

Apr. 12 From committee: Do pass, but first be re-referred to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0. Page 540.) Re-referred to Com. on APPR. Set for hearing April 23.

Mar. 14 Set for hearing April 10.

Feb. 22 To Com. on G.O.

Feb. 16 From print. May be acted upon on or after March 18.

Feb. 15 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Organization
CARF

Subject
License/Permits

SB 317 (Denham) Horse racing: official veterinarians. (I-02/16/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/17/2007-To Com. on G.O.

Current Location: 05/17/2007-A G.O.

Digest: Existing law requires applicants for license as a steward to pass both a written and oral exam, and sets forth qualifications for persons to be admitted to that exam.

This bill would require applicants for license as an official veterinarian to pass both a written and oral exam, and would establish qualifications for persons to be admitted to the official veterinarian exam.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to amend Section 19512 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

History:

May 17 To Com. on G.O.

Apr. 23 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 39. Noes 0. Page 678.) To Assembly.

Apr. 23 In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Apr. 19 To Special Consent Calendar.

Apr. 16 Read second time. To third reading.

Apr. 12 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 8. Noes 0. Page 540.)

Mar. 15 Set for hearing April 10.

Feb. 28 To Com. on G.O.

Feb. 20 From print. May be acted upon on or after March 22.

Feb. 16 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Organization
CARF

Subject
Horse Racing

SB 379 (Denham) Horse racing: out-of-country thoroughbred races. (I-02/21/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))
Status: 05/24/2007-To Com. on G.O.
Current Location: 05/24/2007-A G.O.

Digest: Existing law provides that a thoroughbred racing association or fair may distribute the audiovisual signal and accept wagers on the results of out-of-state and out-of-country thoroughbred races during the calendar period the association or fair is conducting a race meeting, provided that the total number of thoroughbred races on which wagers are accepted statewide in any given year does not exceed the total number of thoroughbred races on which wagers were accepted in 1998. Existing law further prohibits the total number of thoroughbred races imported by associations or fairs from exceeding 23 per day on days when live thoroughbred or fair racing is being conducted in the state. However, that limitation excludes races imported that are part of the race

card of the Kentucky Derby, Kentucky Oaks, and other specified races. This bill would add the Dubai Cup to the list of imported races not subject to the limitation of 23 races per day.

Under existing law, revenues distributed to the state as license fees from horse racing are required to be deposited in the Fair and Exposition Fund and are continuously appropriated to the Department of Food and Agriculture for various regulatory and general governmental purposes. This bill would authorize additional wagering, and would increase the amount of continuously appropriated license fees, thereby making an appropriation.

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to amend Section 19596.2 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing, and making an appropriation therefor.

History:

May 24 To Com. on G.O.

May 17 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 36. Noes 1. Page 988.) To Assembly.

May 17 In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Apr. 24 Read second time. To third reading.

Apr. 23 From committee: Be placed on second reading file pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8.

Apr. 12 From committee: Do pass, but first be re-referred to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 0. Page 540.) Re-referred to Com. on APPR. Set for hearing April 23.

Mar. 15 Set for hearing April 10.

Feb. 28 To Com. on G.O.

Feb. 22 From print. May be acted upon on or after March 24.

Feb. 21 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Organization

CARF

Notes: SUPPORT letter dated 4/2/07 (L. Brown)

Subject

Horse Racing

SB 436 (Vincent) Horse racing: satellite wagering. (I-02/21/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/24/2007-To Com. on G.O.

Current Location: 05/24/2007-A G.O.

Digest: Existing law requires a quarter horse racing association in the southern zone to show races of a harness racing association in the northern zone, and requires a harness racing association in the northern zone to show races of a quarter horse racing association in the southern zone, as specified. Existing law requires each racing association to pay the other an additional 5% of the amount wagered on the satellite races at their respective facilities. Existing law specifies how the additional 5% is to be distributed as to harness racing associations. This bill would apply that distribution provision to both types of racing associations.
Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to amend Section 19601 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

History:

May 24 To Com. on G.O.
May 14 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 39. Noes 0. Page 944.) To Assembly.
May 14 In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.
May 9 Read second time. To Consent Calendar.
May 8 From committee: Do pass. To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 8. Noes 0. Page 890.)
Apr. 9 Set for hearing May 8.
Feb. 28 To Com. on G.O.
Feb. 22 From print. May be acted upon on or after March 24.
Feb. 21 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Organization
CARF

Subject
Horse Racing

SB 519 (Committee on Governmental Organization) Public meetings: special meetings. (I-02/22/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))
Status: 05/24/2007-To Com. on G.O.
Current Location: 05/24/2007-A G.O.

Digest: The Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act requires that all meetings of a state body be open and public and all persons be permitted to attend. The act requires the body to provide notice and an agenda of a regular meeting at least 10 days in advance of the meeting but authorizes the calling of a special meeting for specified purposes when compliance with the 10-day notice would impose a substantial hardship on the state body or when immediate action is required to protect the public interest. This bill would authorize the calling of a special meeting to provide for an interim executive officer of a state body upon the death, incapacity, or vacancy in the office of the executive officer.
Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to amend Section 11125.4 of the Government Code, relating to public meetings.

History:

May 24 To Com. on G.O.

May 14 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 39. Noes 0. Page 945.) To Assembly.

May 14 In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

May 9 Read second time. To Consent Calendar.

May 8 From committee: Do pass. To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 8. Noes 0. Page 890.)

Apr. 9 Set for hearing May 8.

Feb. 28 To Com. on G.O.

Feb. 23 From print. May be acted upon on or after March 25.

Feb. 22 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Organization
CARF

Subject
Government

SB 567 (Aanestad) State property. (A-04/09/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/17/2007-To Com. on B. & P.

Current Location: 05/17/2007-A B. & P.

Calendar Events: 06/12/07 9 a.m. - Room 447 ASM BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS

Digest: Existing law authorizes the Director of General Services to dispose of state surplus property, subject to specified conditions, including authorization by the Legislature.

This bill would authorize the director to sell, exchange, ~~sell combined with an exchange,~~ or lease for fair market value upon those terms and conditions determined by the director, 6 specified parcels of state property. The net proceeds of the conveyance would be paid into the Deficit Recovery Bond Retirement Sinking Fund Subaccount, which is a continuously appropriated subaccount in the Budget Stabilization Account, thereby making an appropriation. The bill would require reimbursement to the Department of General Services for any cost or expense incurred in the disposition of the property from the net proceeds of the disposition.

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act relating to state property, and making an appropriation therefor.

History:

May 17 To Com. on B. & P.

Apr. 26 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 39. Noes 0. Page 760.) To Assembly.

Apr. 26 In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Apr. 25 To Special Consent Calendar.

Apr. 24 Read second time. To third reading.

Apr. 23 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 17. Noes 0. Page 688.)

Apr. 12 From committee: Do pass, but first be re-referred to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 0. Page 540.) Re-referred to Com. on APPR. Set for hearing April 23.

Apr. 9 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Com. on G.O.

Mar. 14 Set for hearing April 10.

Mar. 8 To Com. on G.O.

Feb. 23 From print. May be acted upon on or after March 25.

Feb. 22 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Organization
CARF

Subject
Property

SB 730 (Florez) Gambling: licenses. (A-05/09/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/24/2007-To Com. on G.O.

Current Location: 05/24/2007-A G.O.

Digest: (1) The Gambling Control Act provides for the licensure of certain individuals and establishments involved in various gambling activities, and for the regulation of those activities, by the California Gambling Control Commission. Existing law provides for the enforcement of those activities by the Division of Gambling Control within the Department of Justice.

Existing law provides that an owner of a gambling enterprise that is not a natural person shall not be eligible for a state gambling license unless each of specified persons individually applies for and obtains a state gambling license, including every lender of the owner who, in the judgment of the commission, has the power to exercise a significant influence over the gambling operation.

This bill would provide that those provisions shall not apply to a lender of the owner of a gambling enterprise if the lender is a bank, savings association, industrial loan company, credit union, industrial development corporation, or finance lender.

(2) Existing law authorizes the commission, by regulation or order, to require that certain persons register with the commission, apply for a finding of suitability, as defined, or apply for a gambling license, including any person who owns an interest in the premises of a licensed gambling establishment or in real property used by a licensed gambling establishment.

This bill would, instead, apply the commission's authorization to impose the above requirements to a person who owns an interest in the premises of a licensed gambling establishment, or in real property used by a licensed gambling establishment, if that person's income from the licensed gambling establishment for use of the property is based, at least in part, on a fixed percentage or share of the revenue earned by the owner from gambling activities.

(3) Existing law requires that an application for a license or a determination of suitability be accompanied by a deposit that, in the judgment of the Director of the Division of Gambling Control, will be adequate to pay the anticipated costs and charges incurred in the investigation and processing of the application. Existing law requires the

director to adopt a schedule of costs and charges of investigation for use as guidelines in fixing the amount of any required deposit under these provisions.

This bill would require that schedule to distinguish between original and renewal licenses with respect to costs and charges.

(4) Existing law prohibits certain communications between members of the commission and applicants or various other persons regarding the merits of any of specified applications while the application is pending. This bill would allow a written communication between a member of the commission and an applicant or other person regarding the merits of any of the specified applications if a copy of the written communication is sent to each of the other members of the commission.

(5) Existing law requires that a gambling license be renewed annually, or for a longer period that the commission may set, not to exceed 2 years, upon proper application for renewal and payment of state gambling fees as required by statute or regulation.

This bill would require that a gambling license be renewed automatically if the licensee has submitted a renewal application, paid the fees as required by statute or regulation, and certifies under penalty of perjury that he or she has not violated any law or regulation since the issuance of the original license or the most recent renewal license, whichever is later, that would disqualify the licensee from being issued an original license. The bill would provide that, if the licensee does not so certify, the licensee may apply for a renewal license in accordance with the same procedures that apply to the issuance of an original license. By increasing the circumstances in which the penalty of perjury may apply, the bill would expand an existing crime and would thereby impose a state-mandated local program.

(6) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

Laws: An act to amend Sections 19801, 19805, 19852, 19853, 19867, 19872, and 19876 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to gambling.

History:

May 24 To Com. on G.O.

May 17 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 38. Noes 0. Page 999.) To Assembly.

May 17 In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

May 16 Read second time. To third reading. To Special Consent Calendar.

May 15 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 13. Noes 0. Page 969.)

May 9 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

May 3 Hearing postponed by committee. Set for hearing May 14.

Apr. 25 Set for hearing May 7.

Apr. 24 From committee: Do pass, but first be re-referred to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 0. Page 713.) Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Apr. 9 Set for hearing April 24.

Mar. 8 To Com. on G.O.

Feb. 26 Read first time.

Feb. 24 From print. May be acted upon on or after March 26.

Feb. 23 Introduced. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Organization

CARF

Subject

License/Permits

SB 754 (Kehoe) State property: leases. (A-04/26/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/24/2007-To Com. on B. & P.

Current Location: 05/24/2007-A B. & P.

Digest: Existing law authorizes the Director of General Services, with the consent of the state agency involved, to let for a period not to exceed 5 years, any real or personal property that belongs to the state, subject to specified conditions. Any money received in connection with these leases is required to be deposited in the Property Acquisition Law Money Account and be available to the department upon appropriation by the Legislature.

This bill, notwithstanding existing law, would authorize the Director of General Services, with the consent of the Department of Motor Vehicles, to let, for a period of not to exceed 45 years, specified parcels of real property that are acquired and used by the state for the benefit of the Department of Motor Vehicles, subject to specified conditions. This bill would also provide that the rental proceeds from the lease of that *property*

shall be deposited in the Motor Vehicle Account in the State Transportation Fund and shall be available to the Department of Motor Vehicles, thereby making an appropriation. This bill would also require the Department of General Services and the Department of Motor Vehicles, jointly, to notify the Joint Legislative Budget Committee prior to entering into any lease that is 30 years or longer and to report the terms and conditions of any lease 45 days prior to entering into that lease.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to add Section 14670.2 to the Government Code, relating to state property, and making an appropriation therefor.

History:

May 24 To Com. on B. & P.

May 17 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 36. Noes 1. Page 990.) To Assembly.

May 17 In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Apr. 26 Read second time. Amended. To third reading.

Apr. 25 From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 16. Noes 0. Page 688.)

Apr. 16 Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. Set for hearing April 23.

Mar. 27 From committee: Do pass, but first be re-referred to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0. Page 386.) Re-referred to Com. on APPR. Set for hearing April 16.

Mar. 13 Set for hearing March 27.

Mar. 8 To Com. on G.O.

Feb. 26 Read first time.

Feb. 24 From print. May be acted upon on or after March 26.

Feb. 23 Introduced. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Organization

CARF

Subject

Property

SB 863 (Yee) Horse racing: breeding. (I-02/23/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/24/2007-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Current Location: 05/24/2007-A DESK

Digest: Existing law expresses the intent of the Legislature in authorizing parimutuel wagering on horse races, including encouraging agriculture and the breeding of horses in this state.

This bill would include in that provision helping to ensure a sufficient supply of horses for horse racing in California.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to amend Section 19401 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

History:

May 24 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 33. Noes 2.) To Assembly.

May 24 In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

May 9 Read second time. To third reading.

May 8 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 8. Noes 0. Page 890.)

Apr. 9 Set for hearing May 8.

Mar. 15 To Com. on G.O.

Feb. 26 Read first time.

Feb. 25 From print. May be acted upon on or after March 27.

Feb. 23 Introduced. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Organization

CARF

Subject

Horse Racing

SB 873 (Flores) Special Trust Fund for the Economic Stabilization of Fairs and Horse Racing. (A-04/25/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/14/2007-Placed on APPR. suspense file.

Current Location: 05/14/2007-S APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Digest: Existing law regulates horse racing. Existing federal law, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, provides for the negotiation and execution of tribal-state gaming compacts for the purpose of authorizing certain types of gaming on Indian lands within a state. Existing law expressly ratifies a number of tribal-state gaming compacts, and amendments of tribal-state gaming compacts, between the State of California and specified Indian tribes.

This bill would create the Special Trust Fund for the Economic Stabilization of *Fairs and Horse Racing within the Fair and Exposition Fund*,

into which a portion of the funds generated from gaming activities authorized pursuant to all new tribal-state compacts that are ratified, or existing compacts that are amended, on or after January 1, 2007, would be deposited. The bill would specify how the moneys in that fund would be disbursed annually. To the extent that the bill would create a fund that would be continuously appropriated, the bill would create an appropriation.

Under existing law, if the total amount paid to the state by racing associations and fairs is less than \$40,000,000 in any calendar year, all associations and fairs that conducted live racing during the year of the shortfall are required to remit certain amounts in order to attain that \$40,000,000 total.

This bill would repeal that provision and instead provide that a racing association or fair licensed to conduct a racing meeting shall retain the license fees that the association or fair would otherwise remit to the California Horse Racing Board, to be paid in to the State Treasury for deposit into the Fair and Exposition Fund or the General Fund. The bill would specify how the amounts retained pursuant to that provision would be distributed.

Under existing law, not more than 5% of the Fair and Exposition Fund may be used during any fiscal year to augment the budget of the Department of Food and Agriculture to develop and administer an operational and policy framework for the network of California fairs.

This bill would change that percentage to 4%.

Under existing law, all money representing penalties or fines imposed by the stewards of a horse racing meeting, and all redistributable money received by the board from other meetings, is required to be deposited into the General Fund.

This bill would instead require that money to be deposited into the Fair and Exposition Fund. To the extent the bill would increase the amount of money in the Fair and Exposition Fund, a continuously appropriated fund, the bill would create an appropriation.

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to amend Sections 19606.1, 19606.4, 19606.5, 19620.1, 19621, 19640, and 19641 of, to repeal Section 19606.3 of, and to repeal and add Section 19616.51 of, the Business and Professions Code, and to add Section 12012.6 to the Government Code, relating to horse racing, and making an appropriation therefor.

History:

May 14 Placed on APPR. suspense file.

May 3 Hearing postponed by committee. Set for hearing May 14.
Apr. 26 Set for hearing May 7.
Apr. 25 Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Apr. 24 From committee: Do pass as amended, but first amend, and re-
refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0. Page 713.)
Apr. 9 Set for hearing April 24.
Mar. 15 To Com. on G.O.
Feb. 26 Read first time.
Feb. 24 From print. May be acted upon on or after March 26.
Feb. 23 Introduced. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Organization
CARF

Subject
Fund

SB 921 (Vincent) Horse racing: equine medication. (A-03/27/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/24/2007-To Com. on G.O.

Current Location: 05/24/2007-A G.O.

Digest: *Existing law, the Horse Racing Law, prohibits any substance from being administered by any means to a horse after it has been entered to race in a horse race, unless the California Horse Racing Board has, by regulation, specifically authorized the use of the substance, as specified. Existing law establishes specified penalties for a violation of that prohibition, including a monetary penalty of not more than \$50,000.*

This bill would instead establish a monetary penalty of not more than \$100,000 for a violation of the prohibition on administering unauthorized substances to horses entered in a horse race.

~~The Gambling Control Act provides for the licensure and regulation of various legalized gambling activities and establishments by the California Gambling Control Commission. Existing law requires an applicant for licensing or for any approval or consent required by the act to make full and true disclosure of all information to the division and the commission as necessary to carry out the policies of this state relating to the licensing, registration, and control of gambling.~~

~~This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~yes . State-mandated local program: no.

Laws: An act to amend Section 19582 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

History:

May 24 To Com. on G.O.

May 14 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 39. Noes 0. Page 947.) To Assembly.

May 14 In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

May 10 To Special Consent Calendar.

May 9 Read second time. To third reading.

May 8 From committee: Be placed on second reading file pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8.

Apr. 25 Set for hearing May 7.

Apr. 24 From committee: Do pass, but first be re-referred to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 8. Noes 0. Page 713.) Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Mar. 29 Re-referred to Com. on G.O.

Mar. 27 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

Mar. 15 To Com. on RLS.

Feb. 26 Read first time.

Feb. 25 From print. May be acted upon on or after March 27.

Feb. 23 Introduced. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Organization

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Total Position Forms: 33

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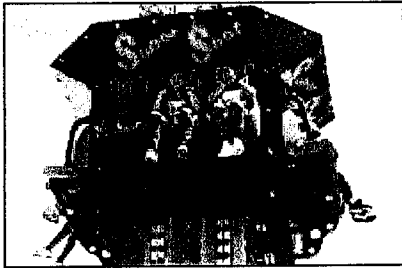
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Racetrack's end could halt county fair



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San Mateo County -

The possible premature closure of Bay Meadows Race Course is having ripple effects throughout the county — the latest being the possible cancellation of the San Mateo County Fair next year.

(Examiner file photo)

The annual San Mateo County Fair, which benefits from betting revenue generated at Bay Meadows Race Course, will face cancellation if the racetrack is closed.

More than \$500,000 in betting revenue — which goes to the county fair and is generated by about a dozen horse-racing days at the track — could disappear under a proposal that would eliminate the long-standing racing days assigned to Bay Meadows, according to officials. The revenue goes to offset about one-third of the total cost of the fair, county Event Center General Manager Chris Carpenter said.

Losing that revenue could put the fair in dire straits, forcing it to drastically downsize or roll up the tents all together in 2008, said Carpenter.

Bay Meadows — which is scheduled to be redeveloped into 1.25 million square feet of office space and 1,250 multi-family residential units beginning in 2009 — recently failed to receive a temporary waiver from the state Horse Racing Board that would have allowed it to continue racing without installing an expensive synthetic track that is safer for horses.

Without the waiver, which Bay Meadows hopes to appeal in coming weeks, the racetrack would have to close down at the end of 2007, leaving unanswered the question of where the San Mateo County Fair could race horses if it was allotted horse-racing days by the state Horse Racing Board, officials said.

Unlike other California fairs that coordinate horse racing days, the San Mateo County Event Center and fairgrounds contracts with nearby Bay Meadows to manage its horse-racing schedule.

Each year, the state Horse Racing Board approves a racing calendar assigning a limited number of race days to various tracks and fairs throughout the state, Carpenter said.

Even if Bay Meadows closes, the fair could make a deal with another track to hold its allotted race days, just as the Solano County Fair is doing with Sonoma County this year, said Bay Meadows Racing Association President Jack Liebau.

"If we don't take this action today to begin a concerted dialogue and possible battle with the state Horse Racing Board, we're in jeopardy of losing the 2008 San Mateo County Fair," said Supervisor Jerry Hill, who introduced an emergency ordinance at Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting calling on the county to coordinate with state lawmakers to secure race dates for the fair.

The board unanimously approved the resolution.

Calls to the California Horse Racing Board for comment were not returned by deadline Tuesday.

The board plans to discuss the northern California horse-racing dates at a meeting May 22.

Liebau alleged that other California counties have conspired with the Horse Racing Board to "cut out" San Mateo County in order to boost their own bottom lines by absorbing race days that would normally go to San Mateo County.

"It's all a result of greed," Liebau said. "It's a terrible and unconscionable thing they have done."

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County asks racing board to reconsider turf decision

By Michelle Durand

If the state's horse racing board reverses its position on not allowing Bay Meadows race track to operate without synthetic turf the county can secure the race dates needed to continue the annual fair, according to members of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.

The board Tuesday is expected to pass a resolution urging the California Horse Racing Board to exempt the race track from the requirement. If the CHRFB does, it will reverse a previous decision that effectively means Bay Meadows will close this year.

Synthetic turf is thought by many to be safer for horses and jockeys but Bay Meadows felt it unnecessary to spend \$8 million to \$10 million when the facility is slated for demolition and renovation in two years. In March, the county asked for a two-year extension which the board denied. The board then denied the race track any 2008 dates, leaving the last scheduled race for Nov. 4.

As a result, the race track will close early, eliminating more than 500 jobs and the tax revenue it provides.

"I think they made a lot of people angry and I hope they would reconsider. They're letting horses run on tracks that aren't artificial so it looks like they're discriminating against Bay Meadows," Supervisor Jerry Hill said.

Last Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors raised another dilemma the lack of Bay Meadows poses — securing racing for the county fair.

Horse racing and satellite wagering was hosted at Bay Meadows during the county fair in the past. Without race dates from the horse racing board, the county can't even offer satellite wagering at the San Mateo County Event Center. The loss means about \$500,000 in revenue gone from the fair budget.

The closure of Bay meadows is disappointing but doesn't necessarily spell the end of the fair, said Jack Olsen, board president of the San Mateo County Fair.

"[W]hile we have a great relationship with Bay Meadows we are a separate entity," Olsen said.

The fair has operated its live horse race meet through a partnership with Bay meadows since 1934. Even with the historic race track gone, the fair hopes to have future race meets, Olsen said.

Last Tuesday, the Supervisors took action to help that happen.

The board passed an emergency resolution urging the horse racing board to give the county dates so that it could at least host racing from another locales such as Golden Gate Fields or the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

The board meets May 22, the same day the supervisors will considering this second resolution.

After the CHRFB denied Bay Meadows its extension, state Sen. Leland Yee, D-San Francisco/San Mateo, entered the fray with sharp words and a push to the state Senate subcommittee with yanked its \$10.8 million in funding for the upcoming fiscal year.

Yee is keeping an eye on the CHRFB not only because of Bay Meadows but its actions overall, said Yee spokesman Adam Keigwin.

Like Hill, he believes the decision is more about politics than concern for horses.

"By closing Bay Meadows they give the race dates to county fairs without synthetic tracks. How fair is that?" Keigwin said.

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Bay Meadows closure a blow to county fair

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The planned closure of Bay Meadows race track at the end of 2007 could cost San Mateo County's summer fair more than \$500,000, or about a third of its revenue, starting in 2008, county officials said.

"It would be reduced to not much more than a carnival," Supervisor Jerry Hill said.

The county had hoped to run its two-week horse racing season at another Northern California track and continue netting revenue. But a proposed California Horse Racing Board calendar for 2008 would strip San Mateo County of race dates, said Chris Carpenter, general manager of the San Mateo County Event Center.

The county supervisors on Tuesday unanimously approved an emergency resolution urging the area's state legislators to lobby for new race dates.

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