

House Bill 4051

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act makes betting on dog races illegal. The Act requires veterinarians to make reports if horses involved in racing show signs of abuse, injury or bad health. The Act allows the ORC to impose civil penalties for certain actions. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.0).

Prohibits wagering on dog races. Modifies animal racing law to remove references to greyhound racing.

Requires a veterinarian to report to the Oregon Racing Commission if a horse involved in horse racing shows signs of abuse, injury or inadequate health.

Authorizes the commission to impose civil penalties for certain violations of animal racing law. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to racing; creating new provisions; amending ORS 462.010, 462.020, 462.030, 462.040, 462.057,
3 462.067, 462.070, 462.075, 462.110, 462.125, 462.140, 462.155, 462.510, 462.710 and 462.725; repealing
4 ORS 462.135 and 462.279; and declaring an emergency.

5 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

GREYHOUND RACING

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9 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2024 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 462.**

10 **SECTION 2. No person may wager money or any other thing of value on the outcome of**
11 **a greyhound race or other dog race, or accept or facilitate such wagering, regardless of the**
12 **location at which the race takes place.**

13 **SECTION 3. ORS 462.725 is amended to read:**

14 462.725. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the Oregon Racing Commission
15 may adopt rules to:

16 (a) License and regulate all phases of operation of Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Inter-
17 active Wagering Totalizator Hubs located in Oregon; and

18 (b) Authorize and license Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator
19 Hubs to conduct simulcast broadcasting of, and mutuel wagering on, animal races, including previ-
20 ously held races on which mutuel wagering is lawful in Oregon.

21 (2) In addition to the other rules of operation adopted by the commission, the commission shall
22 adopt a rule setting the amount that may be taken from the gross receipts of the multi-jurisdictional
23 mutuel system.

24 (3) All employees working in Oregon and all officers of any Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting
25 and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hubs located and operating in Oregon must obtain a license
26 from the commission prior to the commencement of business or employment. The commission shall

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 adopt rules establishing license fees for the employees and officers, not to exceed \$30 per year.

2 (4) Payments to be made to the commission include:

3 (a) Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hub license fee not
4 more than \$200 per operating day.

5 (b) Not more than one percent of total gross receipts of mutuel wagering recorded by the
6 totalizator system.

7 (5) Of the moneys received by the commission under subsection (4)(b) of this section, 25 percent
8 shall be paid to the State Treasurer for deposit in the General Fund and 75 percent shall be retained
9 by the commission. The commission may adopt rules under which the moneys retained by the com-
10 mission may be distributed for the benefit of the Oregon pari-mutuel racing industry.

11 (6) Wagers on previously held races authorized under subsection (1) of this section are subject
12 to the provisions of ORS 462.157.

13 *[(7) A Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hub licensee may
14 establish an account for wagering on greyhound racing for an individual unless wagering on live
15 greyhound racing is unlawful in the jurisdiction of the individual's principal residence.]*

16 **(7) A Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hub
17 licensee may not accept or facilitate mutuel wagers on greyhound racing or other dog racing,
18 regardless of the location at which the race takes place.**

19 **SECTION 4.** ORS 462.010 is amended to read:

20 462.010. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

21 (1) "Breaks" means the odd cents remaining after the payoff prices have been computed in ac-
22 cordance with ORS 462.140 (3).

23 (2) "Calendar year" means a 12-month year, January 1 through December 31.

24 (3) "Commission" means the Oregon Racing Commission.

25 (4) "Continuous race meet" includes any exhibition of animal racing continuously at the same
26 race course by two or more licensees where the mutuel system is used in conjunction with any race.

27 (5) "Drug" means any narcotic, sedative, anesthetic, analgesic, drug or other medication of any
28 kind or description intended for use in any manner, directly or indirectly, internally or externally,
29 in the diagnosis, treatment, mitigation or cure of injury or disease or for use in the prevention of
30 disease that could affect, in any manner, the racing condition or performance of an animal as a
31 depressant, stimulant, local anesthetic, analgesic, sedative or otherwise. "Drug" includes:

32 (a) Substances, other than foods, intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of
33 the animal and all substances affecting the central nervous system, respiratory system or blood
34 pressure of any animal other than vitamins or supplemental feeds; and

35 (b) Any identified substance that can affect or interfere with the true and accurate testing and
36 analysis of blood, saliva, urine or other samples taken from racing animals.

37 (6) "Fiscal year" means a 12-month year, as described in ORS 293.605.

38 (7) "Gross mutuel wagering" means all mutuel wagering that is made in person:

39 (a) At the race course of a race meet licensee;

40 (b) At an off-race course mutuel wagering location approved by the commission; or

41 (c) Through account wagering authorized under ORS 462.142.

42 (8) "Licensee" means a person, partnership, corporation, political subdivision, municipal corpo-
43 ration or any other body holding a license under this chapter.

44 (9) "Mutuel" means a system whereby:

45 (a) Wagers with respect to the outcome of a race are placed with a wagering pool in which the

1 participants are not wagering against the operator; and

2 (b) The operator distributes to one or more winning participants the total amount in the
3 wagering pool, less amounts deducted by the operator as approved by the commission.

4 (10) "Public training track" means any race course or other facility that is available or open to
5 the public for use in the training or schooling of racing animals.

6 (11) "Race" means any race conducted in a race meet. "Race" includes races conducted without
7 wagering, provided one or more races in the meet are conducted with wagering.

8 (12) "Race course" means all the premises used in connection with the conduct of a race meet,
9 including but not limited to, the race track, grandstands, paddock, stables[, kennels] and all other
10 buildings and grounds adjacent to or appurtenant to the physical limits of the race track.

11 (13) "Race meet" means any exhibition of animal racing where the mutuel system is used in
12 conjunction with any race.

13 **SECTION 5.** ORS 462.020 is amended to read:

14 462.020. (1) A person may not hold a race meet without having first obtained and having in full
15 force and effect a license therefor issued by the Oregon Racing Commission.

16 (2) A trainer, driver, jockey, apprentice jockey, horse owner, [*dog owner,*] exercise person, agent,
17 authorized agent, jockey's agent, stable foreman, groom, valet, veterinarian, horseshoer, steward,
18 stable guard, starter, timer, judge or other person acting as a participant or official at any race
19 meet, including all employees of the pari-mutuel department, may not participate in race meets
20 without having first obtained and having in full force and effect a license issued by the commission,
21 pursuant to such rules as the commission shall make. The commission by rule may require other
22 employees of a race meet licensee who are engaged in or performing duties at the race course to
23 obtain a license issued by the commission prior to engaging or performing such duties. The com-
24 mission by rule may also require persons, including corporations, who are not employees of a race
25 meet licensee, but who are authorized to do business at the race course, to obtain a license issued
26 by the commission prior to conducting such business.

27 (3) A person may not operate a public training track [*or public kennel for greyhounds partic-*
28 *ipating in a race meet*] without having first obtained and having in full force and effect a license
29 issued by the commission.

30 (4) The commission may require each applicant for a license to be photographed and shall re-
31 quire each applicant to be fingerprinted as part of the licensing procedure for the purpose of re-
32 questing a state or nationwide criminal records check under ORS 181A.195.

33 (5) Each person holding a license under this chapter shall comply with all rules and orders of
34 the commission.

35 (6) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (2) of this section, the commission, upon re-
36 ceipt of a written application for a license on forms provided by the commission, may in its sound
37 discretion issue a temporary license valid for a period not to exceed 10 days pending final approval
38 or disapproval of the written application for a license.

39 **SECTION 6.** ORS 462.030 is amended to read:

40 462.030. No person is eligible to operate a race meet with a license issued under this chapter
41 unless the person is the owner or controls the possession of a properly constructed race track
42 suitable for the [*class of*] races which are proposed to be conducted at such race track and improved
43 with safe and suitable grandstands, equipped with reasonably sanitary accommodations, adequate
44 stables for livestock together with adequate fire protection equipment, and such other proper im-
45 provements as in the judgment of the Oregon Racing Commission may be required, taking into con-

1 sideration the location of such race track and the probable capacity requirements to accommodate
 2 the crowd and the number of people that will reasonably be expected to occupy the grandstands and
 3 attend the race meets.

4 **SECTION 7.** ORS 462.040 is amended to read:

5 462.040. (1) Race meet licenses granted by the Oregon Racing Commission shall be limited to[:]

6 [(a)] licenses for horse and mule race meets [(Class A)].

7 [(b) Licenses for greyhound race meets (Class B).]

8 [(2)(a) Except as the commission otherwise may provide by rule, no licensee shall be granted li-
 9 censes of both classes nor shall licenses be issued for more than one class of racing on the same race
 10 course, track or location.]

11 [(b) In adopting rules to carry out the provisions of this subsection, the commission shall consider,
 12 among other matters, the impact on existing race meet licensees in the county in which application for
 13 a license referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection is made.]

14 [(3) The commission may not grant any license for greyhound race meets after July 1, 2022.]

15 [(4)] (2) The license shall specify the number of days the race meet shall continue and the
 16 number of races per day.

17 **SECTION 8.** ORS 462.057 is amended to read:

18 462.057. (1) A race meet licensee designated in subsection (2) of this section shall make payments
 19 as follows:

20 (a) License fee - \$25 per fiscal year payable to the Oregon Racing Commission.

21 [(b) A percentage of gross mutuel wagering shall be paid to the commission as follows:]

22 [(A) If the race meet is for horses or mules - one percent.]

23 [(B) If the race meet is for greyhounds - 1.6 percent.]

24 **(b) One percent of gross mutuel wagering payable to the commission.**

25 (c) If [the race meet is for horses or mules and] the average daily gross mutuel wagering during
 26 the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$150,000, a percentage of the gross mutuel wagering shall be paid
 27 as follows:

28 (A) To purses - such amount, subject to prior approval by the commission, as the race meet
 29 licensee and the horse owners, or mule owners if the race is for mules, may agree upon, plus an
 30 additional 0.1 percent. The additional 0.1 percent shall not become part of the regular purse account
 31 but shall be used only to supplement purses of races consisting exclusively of Oregon bred horses
 32 or mules;

33 (B) To the Oregon Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, Incorporated, purse sup-
 34 plements for owners of Oregon bred thoroughbred horses - one percent of gross mutuel wagering on
 35 thoroughbred horse races, to be apportioned among the owners in the same ratio that each owner's
 36 purses for Oregon bred thoroughbred horses for the race meet bears to the total purses for Oregon
 37 bred thoroughbred horses for the race meet;

38 (C) To the Oregon Quarter Horse Racing Association, Incorporated, purse supplements for
 39 owners of Oregon bred quarter horses - one percent of gross mutuel wagering on quarter horse
 40 races, to be apportioned among the owners in the same ratio that each owner's purses for Oregon
 41 bred quarter horses for the race meet bears to the total purses for Oregon bred quarter horses for
 42 the race meet;

43 (D) To each association of horse or mule owners, trainers or breeders recognized by the com-
 44 mission as representing the other breeds of horses or mules not designated in subparagraphs (B) and
 45 (C) of this paragraph, purse supplements for owners of other Oregon bred horses or mules, not des-

1 igned in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of this paragraph, one percent of gross mutuel wagering for
 2 races of other horses or mules, to be apportioned among the owners in the same ratio that each
 3 owner's purses for other Oregon bred horses or mules for the race meet bears to the total purses
 4 for other Oregon bred horses or mules for the race meet;

5 (E) Subject to prior approval of the commission, each horse or mule owners, trainers or breeders
 6 association designated in subparagraphs (B), (C) and (D) of this paragraph may use a portion of the
 7 purse supplements as operating expenses only for receipt, handling and payment of these funds; and

8 (F) To a special track fund to be used primarily for improving the race track facilities benefiting
 9 the horse and mule owners, trainers or breeders in the barn area - 0.2 percent. All such funds shall
 10 be retained by the licensee in a separate account from all other funds and no disbursements or
 11 transfers shall be made therefrom without prior approval of the commission. All physical improve-
 12 ments paid from such funds shall satisfy reasonable fire, health, quality and construction standards
 13 established or approved by the commission. Unless the commission provides otherwise, such im-
 14 provements shall be made on the race course where the race meet which created the fund was held.

15 *[(d) If the race meet is for greyhounds, a percentage of the gross mutuel wagering shall be paid
 16 as follows:]*

17 *[(A) To a special fund to be used primarily for the development and operation of a training track
 18 and related facilities upon which to train greyhounds - 0.1 percent. All such funds shall be retained
 19 by the licensee in a separate account from all other funds and no disbursements or transfers shall be
 20 made therefrom without prior approval of the commission. All physical improvements paid from such
 21 funds shall satisfy reasonable fire, health, quality and construction standards established or approved
 22 by the commission. Unless the commission provides otherwise, such improvements shall be made on the
 23 race course of the race meet licensee; and]*

24 *[(B) To the Oregon Greyhound Breeders Association, Incorporated, purse supplements for owners
 25 of Oregon bred greyhounds - 0.5 percent of gross mutuel wagering, to be apportioned among the own-
 26 ers, in accordance with the rules of the commission and subject to approval by the commission, in the
 27 same ratio that each owner's purses for Oregon bred greyhounds for the race meet bears to the total
 28 purses for Oregon bred greyhounds for the race meet.]*

29 (2) Licensees subject to the provisions of this section are:

- 30 (a) The Pendleton Roundup.
- 31 (b) The Eastern Oregon Livestock Fair.
- 32 (c) The Pacific International Livestock Exposition.
- 33 (d) Any county fair.
- 34 (e) All other nonprofit, fair-type associations which conducted a licensed race meet in calendar
 35 year 1968 or 1969.
- 36 (f) The Pine Valley Fair Association.

37 **SECTION 9.** ORS 462.067 is amended to read:

38 462.067. All licensees of race meets except those subject to ORS 462.057 and 462.062 shall make
 39 payments as follows:

- 40 (1) License fee - \$100 per racing day, payable to the Oregon Racing Commission.
- 41 (2) Percentage of gross mutuel wagering payable to the commission - 1.6 percent.

42 *[(3) Percentage of gross mutuel wagering on greyhound races payable to the Oregon Greyhound
 43 Breeders Association, Incorporated - 0.5 percent for purse supplements for owners of Oregon bred
 44 greyhounds, to be apportioned among the owners, in accordance with the rules of the commission and
 45 subject to approval by the commission, in the same ratio that each owner's purses for Oregon bred*

1 greyhounds for the race meet bears to the total purses for Oregon bred greyhounds for the race meet.
 2 Subject to the prior written approval of the commission, the Oregon Greyhound Breeders Association,
 3 Incorporated, may use a portion of the funds received pursuant to this section and ORS 462.057
 4 (1)(d)(B) to offset expenses for receipt, accounting, handling and payment of those funds.]

5 [(4) To a special fund to be used primarily for the development and operation of a training track
 6 and related facilities upon which to train greyhounds - 0.1 percent. All such funds shall be retained
 7 by the licensee in a separate account from all other funds and no disbursements or transfers shall be
 8 made therefrom without prior approval of the commission. All physical improvements paid from such
 9 funds shall satisfy reasonable fire, health, quality and construction standards established or approved
 10 by the commission. Unless the commission provides otherwise, such improvements shall be made on the
 11 race course of the race meet licensee.]

12 **SECTION 10.** ORS 462.070 is amended to read:

13 462.070. (1) The Oregon Racing Commission may adopt rules establishing license fees for persons
 14 described in ORS 462.020 (2), not to exceed \$30 per year. Prior to adopting a rule that establishes
 15 a fee for a license, the commission shall review the fees charged for similar licenses in other states.
 16 The commission also may charge a reasonable fee for claiming certificates in an amount not to ex-
 17 ceed \$10.

18 (2) The license fee per fiscal year for operators of public training tracks [*or kennels*] required
 19 to be licensed under ORS 462.020 (3) shall be:

20 (a) For the Oregon State Fair or a county or district fair, \$10.

21 (b) For all other operators of public training tracks [*or kennels*], \$25.

22 (3) The commission may by rule provide for a license that is issued to a person described in ORS
 23 462.020 (2) to be valid for one, two or three years from date of issuance. The commission may fix
 24 the expiration date of the license and may prorate the fee established for the license.

25 **SECTION 11.** ORS 462.075 is amended to read:

26 462.075. (1) The Oregon Racing Commission may refuse to issue to or renew the license of any
 27 applicant if it has reasonable ground to believe that the applicant:

28 (a) Has been suspended or ruled off a recognized course in another jurisdiction by the racing
 29 board or commission thereof.

30 (b) Is not of good repute and moral character.

31 (c) Does not have, when previously licensed, a good record of compliance with the racing or
 32 gaming laws of this state or of any other state and with the rules of the commission or of any other
 33 racing or gaming commission.

34 (d) If the applicant is a corporation, firm or association, is not duly authorized to conduct
 35 business within the State of Oregon.

36 (e) If an individual, has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude or of any gambling
 37 or gambling-related offense, or, if a corporation, firm or association, is in whole or in part controlled
 38 or operated directly or indirectly by a person who has been convicted of a crime involving moral
 39 turpitude or of any gambling or gambling-related offense.

40 (f) If an individual, is engaged in wagering by other than the mutuel method or in pool selling
 41 or bookmaking in any state of the United States or foreign country or, if a corporation, firm or as-
 42 sociation, is in whole or in part controlled or operated directly or indirectly by a person who is
 43 engaged in wagering by other than the mutuel method or in pool selling or bookmaking in any state
 44 of the United States or foreign country.

45 (g) Has been found guilty by the commission of a violation of this chapter or any rules of the

1 commission.

2 (h) Should not, in the best interest of the safety, welfare, health, peace and morals of the people
3 of the state, be granted a license.

4 (2) The commission may refuse to issue or renew a license to conduct a race meet for any
5 ground set forth in subsection (1) of this section or if it has reasonable ground to believe any of the
6 following to be true:

7 (a) That the applicant is not possessed of or has not demonstrated financial responsibility suffi-
8 cient to meet adequately the requirements of the enterprise proposed to be licensed.

9 (b) That the applicant is not the true owner of the enterprise proposed to be licensed, that other
10 persons have ownership in the enterprise which has not been disclosed or, if the applicant is a
11 corporation, that any of the stock of such corporation is subject to a contract or option to purchase
12 at any time during the period for which the license is issued.

13 (c) That the granting of a license in the locality set out in the application is not demanded by
14 public interest or convenience.

15 (d) That the applicant, if a corporation, transferred any of its stock after an application for a
16 license to hold a race meet was filed with the commission without prior commission approval. The
17 provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to day-to-day transfers of stock of a publicly held cor-
18 poration whose shares are publicly quoted and regularly traded in the marketplace unless the
19 transfer, or a combination of transfers, involves a controlling interest in or affects the operational
20 control of the corporation, or involves 10 percent or more of any class of stock of the corporation.

21 (e) That the applicant lacks, or if the applicant is a corporation, its officers, managerial em-
22 ployees, directors and principal stockholders lack, the requisite character, reputation, general busi-
23 ness and managerial competence and ability, and experience in the business of racing so as to justify
24 or command public confidence.

25 (f) That the granting of the application would adversely and unreasonably affect the economy
26 of the State of Oregon and its people and the revenues of this state and of other beneficiaries of
27 racing funds designated in this chapter.

28 (3) The commission may refuse to issue or renew a license to any person who has made a false
29 statement of a material fact to the commission.

30 (4) The commission may refuse to issue or renew a license to any applicant for a race meet li-
31 cense if the applicant has failed to meet any monetary obligation in connection with any race meet
32 held in this state.

33 *[(5) The commission may deny a license to any applicant for a race meet license under ORS 462.067
34 unless the applicant for the license and the greyhound kennel owners, or their representative associ-
35 ation, have previously agreed upon a purse schedule.]*

36 *[(6)]* (5) Before refusing to license any applicant for a race meet license, the commission shall
37 afford the applicant an opportunity for hearing after reasonable notice as provided in ORS chapter
38 183. When the commission refuses to license an applicant on the basis of grounds provided in sub-
39 section (1)(b), (c) or (h) of this section, the commission shall specify the particular activities that
40 constitute the grounds for refusal and shall give the applicant written notice thereof.

41 **SECTION 12.** ORS 462.110 is amended to read:

42 462.110. (1) For the protection of the public, and all members thereof, the exhibitors and visitors,
43 every race meet licensee shall carry public liability insurance written on an approved form by a
44 company licensed to do business in Oregon and in an amount approved by the Oregon Racing
45 Commission.

1 (2) Every person licensed to conduct a race meet shall provide and deliver to the commission
 2 a bond signed by a surety company authorized to do business in Oregon in such form as is required
 3 by the commission and in an amount determined by the commission. The bond shall be conditioned
 4 that the licensee will pay to the state all moneys due it under this chapter, including moneys which
 5 escheat pursuant to ORS 462.073 and any fines imposed by any court or by any state agency; to
 6 horsemen [*or greyhound owners*], all moneys owing and all moneys required to be paid for breakage,
 7 purses and Oregon-bred purse supplements; to persons presenting valid winning tickets, the amounts
 8 owing to them; and to the special track fund or training track fund, all moneys required to be paid
 9 to those funds by statute or rule. In lieu of a surety bond the commission may accept a certificate
 10 of deposit, an irrevocable letter of credit, or equivalent which will assure that the obligations de-
 11 scribed above are paid, up to the designated amount.

12 (3) The Attorney General or the district attorney of the county wherein the race meet is held
 13 shall prosecute all actions on such bonds on behalf of the state.

14 (4) Any person having a claim against the licensee for any obligation covered by the bond or
 15 bond substitute, except cause of action covered by public liability insurance, may prosecute the same
 16 in an action in behalf of the claimant brought in the name of the state for the use and benefit and
 17 at the expense of such claimant. The court may award reasonable attorney fees to the prevailing
 18 party in an action under this subsection. If the amount of the bond or bond substitute is insufficient
 19 to cover all obligations, amounts owing to and for the benefit of the state pursuant to ORS 462.073
 20 (3) shall have priority over any other claims. No action may be brought for recovery on the bond
 21 or bond substitute unless written notice of the claim is made to the commission and to the race meet
 22 licensee within 120 days after the last day of the race meet or continuous race meet in which the
 23 obligation arose. The notice must be by registered mail, certified mail with return receipt or per-
 24 sonal service to the licensee or to the licensee's registered agent. Any action for recovery on the
 25 bond or bond substitute must be brought no earlier than 60 days and no later than 180 days after
 26 service of the written notice on the race meet licensee or on the licensee's registered agent. These
 27 limitations shall not apply to claims for valid winning tickets if the claimant has made a timely
 28 claim pursuant to ORS 462.073 (2).

29 (5) Every person licensed to conduct a race meet for horses shall carry insurance to protect
 30 jockeys and, if appropriate, drivers. The type, form and amount of insurance, and the carrier, must
 31 be approved by the commission.

32 **SECTION 13.** ORS 462.125 is amended to read:

33 462.125. (1) The Oregon Racing Commission shall determine the number [*and classes*] of race
 34 meets to be held in any fiscal year, and the total number of racing dates to be granted to a licensee
 35 subject to provisions of ORS 462.062 and 462.067. Not more than 350 days of racing, exclusive of
 36 racing days authorized to designated licensees pursuant to subsection (5) of this section, shall be
 37 held in any metropolitan area in any fiscal year. A licensee shall conduct at least 720 live races
 38 under the license during each fiscal year race meets are held under the license. The commission
 39 may reduce the number of races required under this section upon application by a horsemen's as-
 40 sociation that negotiates with the race meet licensee.

41 (2) If a licensee under ORS 462.062 or 462.067 fails, for good cause, to complete all of the allo-
 42 cated days in a licensed race meet or if the commission does not receive and approve license ap-
 43 plications for all of the days allocated to [*either class of*] racing, the commission may add the unused
 44 or unallocated days no later than June 30 of the following fiscal year, to the racing days allocated
 45 to and available to the licensee or, in the discretion of the commission, to any other licensee [*of*

1 *either class of racing*] in the metropolitan area. Additional race days allocated under this subsection
 2 are exempt from the limit of 350 days of racing in a fiscal year imposed by subsection (1) of this
 3 section. The additional racing days granted by the commission to any eligible licensee may not ex-
 4 ceed the total of the unused or unallocated racing days in any one fiscal year.

5 (3) If an emergency occurs on the day of racing, and a night racing program runs past the hour
 6 of midnight, such time after midnight is not considered an additional racing day.

7 (4) As used in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, “metropolitan area” means:

8 (a) Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington Counties.

9 (b) Marion and Polk Counties.

10 (c) Linn and Benton Counties.

11 (d) A county other than those designated in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this subsection.

12 (5) Each licensee designated in ORS 462.057 may be granted up to 12 days of horse[,] **or** mule
 13 [or *greyhound*] racing to be held within the county in which the licensee holds its fair or show or
 14 at a race course owned by a governmental agency or a nonprofit corporation in an adjoining county.
 15 If a licensee does not use all of the licensee’s allocated race days during the fiscal year, the com-
 16 mission, in the commission’s discretion, may allow that licensee to use the leftover days in the next
 17 fiscal year. If a licensee referred to in this subsection wishes to make application to the commission
 18 to schedule racing days that conflict with racing days previously scheduled by another such
 19 licensee, at least 30 days prior to the date of a meeting of the commission, the governing bodies of
 20 the applicant and the previous licensee shall meet at a time and place prescribed by the previous
 21 licensee to discuss the applicant’s proposed racing day schedule. The conclusion of the parties re-
 22 garding the proposals for conflicting racing days and the matters upon which the parties agree or
 23 disagree shall be reduced to writing signed by the parties and submitted to the commission not later
 24 than 14 days prior to a meeting of the commission. The commission may approve or disapprove
 25 proposals for conflicting racing days upon such terms and conditions as the commission considers
 26 appropriate.

27 (6) The commission may not grant a license for any race meet within a county for dates that
 28 conflict with racing dates granted to the county fair of such county.

29 (7) The commission may not grant a licensee that is subject to ORS 462.062 a license for a race
 30 meet for a date that conflicts with a race meet date granted to a licensee that is subject to ORS
 31 462.057, unless the commission has the consent of the licensee that is subject to ORS 462.057. This
 32 subsection applies only if the licensee that is subject to ORS 462.057 held a race meet during the
 33 2002 calendar year on a date substantially similar to the date that is the subject of the conflict. A
 34 licensee that is subject to ORS 462.057 may not unreasonably withhold consent under this sub-
 35 section.

36 **SECTION 14. ORS 462.135 and 462.279 are repealed.**

37 **SECTION 15.** ORS 462.140 is amended to read:

38 462.140. (1) A person may not conduct or commit, attempt or conspire to conduct or commit pool
 39 selling, bookmaking, or circulate handbooks, or bet or wager on any licensed race meet, other than
 40 by the mutuel method. All moneys wagered in Oregon must be accounted for through a computerized
 41 mutuel wagering system in use by an operating race meet in this state and approved by the Oregon
 42 Racing Commission. Wagering into pools outside of Oregon via telephone or other device is prohib-
 43 ited unless the wagering information is transmitted by a licensee that conducts off-race course
 44 mutuel wagering pursuant to ORS 462.700 to 462.740.

45 (2) A race meet licensee may not take more than 22 percent of the gross receipts of any mutuel

1 wagering system subject to approval by the commission.

2 (3) A race meet licensee shall compute breaks in the mutuel system at 10 cents for each dollar
3 wagered in a specific mutuel pool except, when the breaks in the mutuel system compute to less
4 than 10 cents total for each dollar wagered, the race meet licensee shall compute the breaks on that
5 specific mutuel pool at five cents. When the breaks in the mutuel system compute at 10 cents or
6 more for each dollar wagered, the race meet licensee shall pay in increments of 10 cents for each
7 dollar wagered. When the breaks in the mutuel system compute to less than 10 cents for each dollar
8 wagered, the race meet licensee shall pay five cents for each dollar wagered. For horses, 45 percent
9 of the breaks shall be retained by the licensee. *[For greyhounds, 33-1/3 percent shall be retained by*
10 *the licensee.]* The other 55 percent *[for horses and 66-2/3 percent for greyhounds]* shall be paid as
11 follows:

12 (a) For thoroughbred horse races, to the Oregon Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Associ-
13 ation, Incorporated, to be used by that association subject to prior approval of the commission, in
14 such amounts and for such of the following purposes as the association deems desirable:

15 (A) For breeders awards;

16 (B) For stallion awards;

17 (C) For education of the members of the association and other horsemen regarding the breeding
18 and racing of thoroughbred horses; or

19 (D) For the promotion and development of thoroughbred horse breeding and racing in Oregon.

20 (b) For quarter horse races, to the Oregon Quarter Horse Racing Association, Incorporated, to
21 be used by that association subject to prior approval of the commission, in such amounts and for
22 such of the following purposes as the association deems desirable:

23 (A) For breeders awards;

24 (B) For stallion awards;

25 (C) For education of the members of the association and other horsemen regarding the breeding
26 and racing of quarter horses; or

27 (D) For the promotion and development of quarter horse breeding and racing in Oregon.

28 (c) For races for any other horses not designated in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection,
29 to each association of horsemen recognized by the commission as representing the other breeds of
30 horses, to be used by that association subject to prior approval of the commission, in such amounts
31 and for such of the following purposes as each recognized association deems desirable:

32 (A) For breeders awards;

33 (B) For stallion awards;

34 (C) For education of the members of the association and other horsemen regarding the breeding
35 and racing of horses; or

36 (D) For the promotion and development of horse breeding and racing in Oregon.

37 *[(d) By a licensee of a race meet for greyhounds:]*

38 *[(A) One-half thereof to augment purses subject to reasonable regulations prescribed by the com-*
39 *mission.]*

40 *[(B) The other one-half thereof for benefit and improvement of the breeding, ownership, training*
41 *and racing of greyhounds in Oregon, subject to reasonable regulations prescribed by the commission.*
42 *Included, but not by way of limitation, would be payment of purses for maiden graduation or special*
43 *schooling races without wagering, and construction and operation of one or more appropriate public*
44 *training facilities within the state. All such funds shall be retained by the licensee in an account sep-*
45 *arate from all other funds, and no disbursements or transfers shall be made therefrom without prior*

1 approval of the commission.]

2 **SECTION 16.** ORS 462.155 is amended to read:

3 462.155. (1) The Oregon Racing Commission may allow a race meet operator [*that holds a Class*
4 *A license*] to conduct mutuel wagering at the licensee's race course on horse races previously held
5 if:

6 (a) The races were actual events held at race courses during race meets;

7 (b) The races were subject to mutuel wagering at the time the races were originally held; and

8 (c) The race meets at which the races were originally held were approved by the commission
9 or by an equivalent regulatory body in another state.

10 (2) Subsection (1) of this section allows mutuel wagering on a horse race displayed as a video
11 or audio recording, or another form of recording approved by the commission, but does not authorize
12 wagering on any animation, computer simulation or other artificial representation of horse racing.

13 (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to a race meet operator described in ORS
14 462.057 (2). Subsection (1) of this section does not authorize off-race course wagering or multi-
15 jurisdictional simulcasting for horse races previously held.

16 (4) Wagers authorized under subsection (1) of this section are subject to the provisions of ORS
17 462.157.

18 **SECTION 17.** ORS 462.510 is amended to read:

19 462.510. (1) Any person who attempts to, or does persuade, procure or cause another person to
20 wager on an animal participating in a race, and upon which money is wagered, and who asks or
21 demands, or accepts compensation as a reward for information or purported information given in
22 such case is a tout, and is guilty of touting.

23 (2) Predictions on the outcome of horse races [*and greyhound races*] may be sold on the
24 licensee's premises in accordance with rules promulgated by the Oregon Racing Commission.

25 **SECTION 18.** ORS 462.710 is amended to read:

26 462.710. (1) Any race meet licensee may make written application to the Oregon Racing Com-
27 mission to conduct off-race course mutuel wagering:

28 (a) On races held at the licensee's race course; or

29 (b) On races held at race courses outside this state.

30 (2) The application shall be in such form, shall contain such information and shall be submitted
31 at such time and in such manner as the commission may require. Information required by the com-
32 mission may include, but is not limited to, a description of the facilities, equipment and method of
33 operation whereby the applicant proposes to conduct off-race course mutuel wagering activities.

34 (3) The commission shall authorize off-race course mutuel wagering upon such terms and condi-
35 tions regarding the time, location and manner of operation as the commission considers appropri-
36 ate. The commission may not authorize more than 20 locations for off-race course mutuel wagering
37 to be in operation at any one time and shall permit off-race course mutuel wagering only at an au-
38 thorized location. The commission may not authorize the conduct of off-race course mutuel wagering
39 at any time or place or in any manner that the commission determines would have substantial ad-
40 verse impact upon mutuel wagering on races held at a race course in this state. The commission
41 may not authorize a race meet licensee to conduct off-race course mutuel wagering within the
42 boundaries of any city or county that has adopted an ordinance prohibiting the conduct of that ac-
43 tivity within the city or county. The commission may not authorize a race meet licensee to conduct
44 off-race course mutuel wagering in any county with a population of less than 250,000 at a location
45 that is within 40 miles of any other location where another race meet licensee is conducting a live

1 race meet without written consent of the live race meet licensee.

2 (4) In addition to other grounds provided in this chapter, the commission may refuse to issue
 3 or renew or may revoke or suspend the license of any race meet licensee, or any employee thereof,
 4 for failure to comply with ORS 462.700 to 462.740 or commission rules.

5 (5) If a race meet licensee proposes to conduct off-race course mutuel wagering at a physical
 6 facility separate from the race course:

7 (a) Individuals working at the separate facility must obtain a license for such employment from
 8 the commission if the individuals are performing duties for which a license would be required if the
 9 duties were performed at a race course. The fee for any such license shall be the same as the fee
 10 for the license required if the individual were working at a race course.

11 (b) ORS 462.080, 462.190 and 462.195 apply to the race meet licensee and to individuals at the
 12 facility in the same manner as if the mutuel wagering activity were being conducted at a race
 13 course.

14 (6) In addition to other requirements of ORS 462.700 to 462.740, the commission may authorize
 15 a race meet licensee to conduct off-race course mutuel wagering on a particular race that is held
 16 at a race course outside this state subject to the following [*conditions*] **provisions**:

17 (a) The commission may authorize only one race meet licensee, that is the holder of a license
 18 under ORS 462.062 or 462.067, to conduct off-race course mutuel wagering on the race.

19 (b) The commission may authorize such off-race course mutuel wagering to be conducted at the
 20 licensee’s race course and any off-race course wagering site approved by the commission.

21 [*(c) The commission may authorize a race meet licensee to conduct off-race course mutuel wagering*
 22 *on either horse races or greyhound races, except that:*]

23 [*(A) A horse race meet licensee may conduct off-race course mutuel wagering on greyhound races*
 24 *only if there is no active greyhound race meet licensee; and]*

25 [*(B) A greyhound race meet licensee may conduct off-race course mutuel wagering on horse races*
 26 *only if there is no active horse race meet licensee.]*

27 [*(d)*] (c) If a licensee applies for authority to conduct mutuel wagering on horse races held at
 28 race courses outside this state, the commission may require that the licensee provide such evidence
 29 as the commission considers appropriate regarding the ability of the licensee to comply with the
 30 Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978, 15 U.S.C. 3001 to 3007, as amended.

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 32 **REPORTING BY VETERINARIANS**

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 34 **SECTION 19. Section 20 of this 2024 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 686.**

35 **SECTION 20. (1) A veterinarian shall make a report as described in subsection (2) of this**
 36 **section if the veterinarian comes into contact with a horse:**

37 (a) **That shows signs of abuse, injury or inadequate health; and**

38 (b) **That the veterinarian has reasonable cause to believe is involved in horse racing.**

39 (2) **A report under this section must be made to the Oregon Racing Commission and must**
 40 **include:**

41 (a) **The name and description of each animal involved;**

42 (b) **The address, telephone number or other contact information for the owner or other**
 43 **person responsible for the care of the animal;**

44 (c) **The nature and extent of the signs of abuse, injury or inadequate health; and**

45 (d) **Any other information that the person making the report believes may be helpful in**

1 ensuring the welfare of horses involved in horse racing.

2 (3) As used in this section, “veterinarian” means a person licensed to practice veterinary
3 medicine under ORS chapter 686.

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5 **CIVIL PENALTIES**

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7 **SECTION 21.** Section 22 of this 2024 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 462.

8 **SECTION 22.** (1) In addition to any other liability or penalty provided by law, the Oregon
9 Racing Commission may impose a civil penalty on a person for any of the following:

10 (a) Violation of ORS 462.020 (1).

11 (b) Accepting or facilitating wagers on animal racing, if the person is not authorized to
12 do so under this chapter.

13 (2) The commission shall adopt rules establishing the civil penalties that may be imposed
14 under this section.

15 (3) Civil penalties under this section shall be imposed in the manner provided by ORS
16 183.745.

17 (4) A civil penalty imposed under this section may be remitted or reduced upon such
18 terms and conditions as the commission considers proper and consistent with the public
19 good.

20 (5) In imposing a civil penalty pursuant to this section, the commission shall consider
21 at least the following factors:

22 (a) The past history of the person incurring a penalty in taking all feasible steps or pro-
23 cedures necessary or appropriate to correct any violation;

24 (b) Any prior violations of statute, rules or orders;

25 (c) The economic and financial conditions of the person incurring the penalty; and

26 (d) The immediacy and extent to which the violation threatens the public good.

27 (6) All penalties recovered under this section shall be paid into the State Treasury and
28 credited to the General Fund and are available for general governmental expenses.

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30 **CAPTIONS**

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32 **SECTION 23.** The unit captions used in this 2024 Act are provided only for the conven-
33 ience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any
34 legislative intent in the enactment of this 2024 Act.

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36 **EMERGENCY CLAUSE**

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38 **SECTION 24.** This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
39 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect
40 on its passage.