STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

May 5, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. WOERNER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Racing and Wagering

AN ACT to amend the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, in relation to welfare, medical, and retirement plans provided by a horsemen's organization in the absence of contractual obligations

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 318 of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

6. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in the absence of a contract between the licensed harness racing corporation or association and the representative horsemen's organization, the state gaming commission shall require such corporation or association to pay to the horsemen's organization an amount determined in accordance with the previously negotiated contract for welfare, medical, or retirement plans, including any associated costs, provided by the horsemen's organization to participants in racing at the licensed harness racing facility. The amounts shall be paid monthly from the horsemen's gross purse enhancement amount from video lottery gaming.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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