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Introduced by Sen. ADAMS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Racing, Gaming and Wagering

AN ACT to amend the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, in relation to the entering of horses in harness horse racing meetings by corporate officers, directors and executives

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 304 of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law is amended to read as follows:

S 304. Right to hold harness race meetings and races. Any corporation formed under the provisions of sections two hundred twenty-two through seven hundred five of this chapter, and any corporation or association which shall have conducted harness horse race meetings during two years prior to March thirty-first, nineteen hundred forty, and any town or county fair association or other fair association shall have the power and the right to hold one or more harness horse race meetings in each year and to hold, maintain and conduct harness races at such meetings. At such harness race meetings the corporation or association, or the owners of horses engaged in such races, or others who are not participants in the race, may contribute purses, prizes, premiums or stakes to be contested for, but no person or persons other than the owner or owners of a horse or horses contesting in a race shall have any pecuniary interest in a purse, prize, premium or stake contested for in such race, or be entitled to or receive any portion thereof after such race is finished, and the whole of such purse, prize, premium or stake shall be allotted in accordance with the terms and conditions of such race. Such meeting shall not be held except during the period extending from the first day of January to the thirty-first day of December inclusive in each year. In counties having a population of two hundred fifty thousand or less, the state racing and wagering board may, however, permit

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

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the holding of one or more harness horse race meetings and the conduct of harness races at such meetings on a day or days not during such period if the board is satisfied that a special occasion makes the holding of such meetings and the conduct of such races on such day or days proper or necessary; but in no event shall such meetings or races be held or conducted on the twenty-fifth day of December. Such power and right, however, shall not include the right to conduct pari-mutuel betting at such harness horse race meetings except pursuant to license granted by the state racing and wagering board pursuant to sections two hundred twenty-two through seven hundred five of this chapter. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF ANY RULE OR REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY, NOTHING SHALL LIMIT THE RIGHT OF ANY OFFICER, DIRECTOR OR EXECUTIVE, OR SPOUSE THEREOF, OF ANY CORPORATION LICENSED TO CONDUCT A HARNESS HORSE RACING MEETING FROM ENTERING A HORSE IN WHICH HE OR SHE HAS A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN ANY RACE CONDUCTED AT SUCH HARNESS HORSE RACING MEETING UNLESS THE STATE RACING AND WAGERING BOARD SHALL DETERMINE THAT ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO EXERCISE SUCH RIGHT.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.