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Introduced by M. of A. PRETLOW -- 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 certain payments to the horsemen's organization

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

1     Section 1. The opening paragraph of subdivision 2 of section 228 of  
2     the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, as amended by chapter  
3     175 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:  
4     The state racing and wagering board shall, as a condition of racing,  
5     require any franchised corporation and every other corporation subject  
6     to its jurisdiction to withhold one percent of all purses, except that  
7     for the franchised corporation, starting on September first, two thou-  
8     sand seven and continuing through August thirty-first, two thousand  
9     [twelve] THIRTEEN, two percent of all purses shall be withheld, and, in  
10    the case of the franchised corporation, to pay such sum to the  
11    horsemen's organization or its successor that was first entitled to  
12    receive payments pursuant to this section in accordance with rules of  
13    the board adopted effective November third, nineteen hundred eighty-  
14    three representing at least fifty-one percent of the owners and trainers  
15    utilizing the facilities of such franchised corporation, on the condi-  
16    tion that such horsemen's organization shall expend as much as is neces-  
17    sary, but not to exceed one-half of one percent of such total sum, to  
18    acquire and maintain the equipment required to establish a program at a  
19    state college within this state with an approved equine science program  
20    to test for the presence of steroids in horses, provided further that  
21    the qualified organization shall also, in an amount to be determined by  
22    its board of directors, annually include in its expenditures for benevo-  
23    lence programs, funds to support an organization providing services  
24    necessary to backstretch employees, and, in the case of every other  
25    corporation, to pay such one percent sum of purses to the horsemen's  
26    organization or its successor that was first entitled to receive  
27    payments pursuant to this section in accordance with rules of the board  
28    adopted effective May twenty-third, nineteen hundred eighty-six repres-  
29    enting at least fifty-one percent of the owners and trainers utilizing  
30    the facilities of such corporation.  
31    S 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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