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Introduced by M. of A. PRETLOW -- read once and referred to the Committee on Racing and Wagering -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, in relation to New York bred or wholly owned harness races

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

Section 1. Section 307-a of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, as added by chapter 258 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

§ 307-a. New York bred **or wholly owned** harness races. **(a)** Any association or corporation licensed to conduct harness race meetings at which pari-mutuel betting is permitted may, if in its sole discretion such association or corporation determines[~~,~~] that it would be beneficial [~~to~~], [~~run~~] **offer non-stakes** races which are limited to New York bred horses **or horses wholly owned by New York state residents**. These races may be written on such terms and conditions as any other race authorized pursuant to law or regulation [~~of the board~~] **of the commission**, notwithstanding any preference date requirements.

(b) For each horse entered into a race that is limited to horses wholly owned by New York state residents, each owner shall provide documentation that demonstrates that such horse is wholly owned by a New York state resident. Leased horses shall not be eligible for such races unless both the lessor and lessee are New York state residents. In the case of a horse owned by a corporation, all owners, officers, shareholders, and directors shall meet the requirements of a New York state resident; in the case of a horse owned by an association, all owners shall meet the requirements of a New York state resident.

(c) If **it is** in the opinion of [~~the~~] **such** corporation or association **licensed to conduct harness race meetings at which pari-mutuel betting is permitted that** sufficient competition cannot be had among such

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

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restricted class of horses, said race may be eliminated for said day and a substitute race provided instead.

(d) The [~~**board**~~] **commission** shall be authorized to promulgate regulations to effectuate the intent of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.