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 New York bred and/or wholly owned harness races

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

1 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 and/or wholly owned harness races. 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[7] that it would be beneficial, run races which are limited to New York bred and/or wholly owned horses. 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 gaming commission, notwithstanding any preference date requirements. If in the opinion of the corporation or association sufficient competition cannot be had among such restricted class of horses, said race may be eliminated for said day and a substitute race provided instead. The gaming commission shall be authorized to promulgate regulations to effectuate the intent of this section.

2 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.