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Introduced by Sens. BONACIC, MARCHIONE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Racing, Gaming and Wagering -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

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:

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

4 § 307-a. New York bred or wholly owned harness races. (a) Any associ-
5 ation or corporation licensed to conduct harness race meetings at which
6 pari-mutuel betting is permitted may, if in its sole discretion such
7 association or corporation determines~~[7]~~ that it would be beneficial
8 ~~[to]~~, ~~[run]~~ offer non-stakes races which are limited to New York bred
9 horses or horses wholly owned by New York state residents. These races
10 may be written on such terms and conditions as any other race authorized
11 pursuant to law or regulation ~~[of the board]~~ of the commission, notwith-
12 standing any preference date requirements.

13 (b) For each horse entered into a race that is limited to horses whol-
14 ly owned by New York state residents, each owner shall provide documen-
15 tation that demonstrates that such horse is wholly owned by a New York
16 state resident. Leased horses shall not be eligible for such races
17 unless both the lessor and lessee are New York state residents. In the
18 case of a horse owned by a corporation, all owners, officers, sharehold-
19 ers, and directors shall meet the requirements of a New York state resi-
20 dent; in the case of a horse owned by an association, all owners shall
21 meet the requirements of a New York state resident.

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

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1 (c) If it is in the opinion of [~~the~~] such corporation or association
2 licensed to conduct harness race meetings at which pari-mutuel betting
3 is permitted that sufficient competition cannot be had among such
4 restricted class of horses, said race may be eliminated for said day and
5 a substitute race provided instead.

6 (d) The [~~board~~] commission shall be authorized to promulgate regu-
7 lations to effectuate the intent of this section.

8 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.