

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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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 commission hearings of racetrack ejections and denials of access of commission licensees

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

1 Section 1. Section 321 of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law is amended to read as follows:

2 § 321. Hearing of refusal or revocation of license or ejection or
3 denial of access of licensee in good standing. If the state [~~racing and~~
4 ~~wagering board~~] gaming commission shall refuse to grant a license
5 applied for under sections two hundred twenty-two through seven hundred
6 five of this chapter, or shall revoke or suspend such a license granted
7 by it, or shall impose a monetary fine upon a participant in harness
8 racing, or any corporation or association created under or subject to
9 the provisions of this chapter licensed to conduct pari-mutuel harness
10 meets shall eject or deny access to a licensee from the grounds of
11 and/or participation in a pari-mutuel harness meet, the applicant or
12 licensee or party fined may demand, within ten days after notice of the
13 said act of the [~~board~~] commission, corporation or association, a hearing
14 before the [~~board~~] commission and the [~~board~~] commission shall give
15 prompt notice of a time and place for such hearing at which the [~~board~~]
16 commission will hear such applicant or licensee or party fined in reference thereto. Pending such hearing and final determination thereon, the
17 action of the [~~board~~] commission in refusing to grant or in revoking or
18 suspending a license or in imposing a monetary fine shall remain in full
19 force and effect, but a licensee ejected or denied access shall be
20 permitted access to the grounds of and/or participation in a pari-mutuel
21 harness meet pending final determination by the commission on his or her
22 appeal for a hearing. The [~~board~~] commission may continue such hearing
23 from time to time for the convenience of any of the parties. Any of the
24 parties affected by such hearing may be represented by counsel, and the
25 [~~board~~] commission may be represented by the attorney general, a deputy
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [~~-~~] is old law to be omitted.

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1 attorney general or its counsel. In the conduct of such hearing the
2 [board] commission shall not be bound by technical rules of evidence,
3 but all evidence offered before the [board] commission shall be reduced
4 to writing, and such evidence together with the exhibits, if any, and
5 the findings of the [board] commission, shall be permanently preserved
6 and shall constitute the record of the [board] commission in such case.
7 In connection with such hearing, each member of the [board] commission
8 shall have the power to administer oaths and examine witnesses, and may
9 issue subpoenas to compel attendance of witnesses, and the production of
10 all material and relevant reports, books, papers, documents, correspond-
11 ence and other evidence. The [board] commission may, if occasion shall
12 require, by order, refer to one or more of its members or officers, the
13 duty of taking testimony in such matter, and to report thereon to the
14 [board] commission, but no determination shall be made therein except by
15 the [board] commission. Within thirty days after the conclusion of such
16 hearing, the [board] commission shall make a final order in writing,
17 setting forth the reasons for the action taken by it and a copy thereof
18 shall be served on such applicant or licensee or party fined, as the
19 case may be. In the case of an ejectment or denial of access of a
20 licensee, the respective corporation or association shall have the
21 burden of proof to establish that the presence and participation of the
22 licensee is detrimental to the best interests of racing or to the order-
23 ly conduct of a race meet. The action of the [board] commission in
24 refusing to grant a license or in revoking or suspending a license or in
25 imposing a monetary fine, or affirming, modifying or reversing the
26 ejectment or denial of access of a licensee, shall be reviewable in the
27 supreme court in the manner provided by the provisions of article seven-
28 ty-eight of the civil practice law and rules.
29 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.