

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

February 16, 2024

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
3 198 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:
4 The commission shall, as a condition of racing, require any franchised
5 corporation and every other corporation subject to its jurisdiction to
6 withhold one percent of all purses, except that for the franchised
7 corporation, starting on September first, two thousand seven and contin-
8 uing through August thirty-first, two thousand [~~twenty-four~~]
9 twenty-five, two percent of all purses shall be withheld, and, in the
10 case of the franchised corporation, to pay such sum to the horsemen's
11 organization or its successor that was first entitled to receive
12 payments pursuant to this section in accordance with rules of the
13 commission adopted effective November third, nineteen hundred eighty-
14 three representing at least fifty-one percent of the owners and trainers
15 using the facilities of such franchised corporation, on the condition
16 that such horsemen's organization shall expend as much as is necessary,
17 but not to exceed one-half of one percent of such total sum, to acquire
18 and maintain the equipment required to establish a program at a state
19 college within this state with an approved equine science program to
20 test for the presence of steroids in horses, provided further that the
21 qualified organization shall also, in an amount to be determined by its
22 board of directors, annually include in its expenditures for benevolence
23 programs, funds to support an organization providing services necessary
24 to backstretch employees, and, in the case of every other corporation,
25 to pay such one percent sum of purses to the horsemen's organization or
26 its successor that was first entitled to receive payments pursuant to
27 this section in accordance with rules of the commission adopted effec-
28 tive May twenty-third, nineteen hundred eighty-six representing at least

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

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1 fifty-one percent of the owners and trainers using the facilities of
2 such corporation.
3 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.