STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 30, 2024

Introduced by Sen. ADDABBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Racing, Gaming 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:

Section 1. The opening paragraph of subdivision 2 of section 228 of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, as amended by chapter 198 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

The commission shall, as a condition of racing, require any franchised corporation and every other corporation subject to its jurisdiction to withhold one percent of all purses, except that for the franchised corporation, starting on September first, two thousand seven and continuing through August thirty-first, two thousand [~~twenty-four~~] **twenty-five**, two percent of all purses shall be withheld, and, in the case of the franchised corporation, to pay such sum to the horsemen's organization or its successor that was first entitled to receive payments pursuant to this section in accordance with rules of the commission adopted effective November third, nineteen hundred eighty-three representing at least fifty-one percent of the owners and trainers using the facilities of such franchised corporation, on the condition that such horsemen's organization shall expend as much as is necessary, but not to exceed one-half of one percent of such total sum, to acquire and maintain the equipment required to establish a program at a state college within this state with an approved equine science program to test for the presence of steroids in horses, provided further that the qualified organization shall also, in an amount to be determined by its board of directors, annually include in its expenditures for benevolence programs, funds to support an organization providing services necessary to backstretch employees, and, in the case of every other corporation, to pay such one percent sum of purses to the horsemen's organization or its successor that was first entitled to receive payments pursuant to this section in accordance with rules of the commission adopted effec-

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

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tive May twenty-third, nineteen hundred eighty-six representing at least fifty-one percent of the owners and trainers using the facilities of such corporation.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.