

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

January 6, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. WOERNER -- 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 welfare, medical, and retirement plans provided by a horsemen's organization in the absence of contractual obligations

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 318 of the racing, pari-mutuel  
2 wagering and breeding law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2025  
3 amending the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law relating to  
4 welfare, medical, and retirement plans provided by a horsemen's organ-  
5 ization in the absence of contractual obligations, as proposed in legis-  
6 lative bills numbers S. 2612-B and A. 8206, is amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 6. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in the  
9 absence of a contract between the licensed harness racing corporation or  
10 association and the representative horsemen's organization, the [~~state~~  
11 ~~gaming commission shall require such corporation or association to pay~~  
12 ~~to the horsemen's organization an amount determined in accordance with~~  
13 ~~the~~] previously negotiated contract [~~for~~ related to welfare, medical,  
14 or retirement plans, including any associated costs, provided by the  
15 horsemen's organization to participants in racing at the licensed  
16 harness racing facility shall be automatically extended for a one-time  
17 period of twelve months commencing from the date that the previously  
18 negotiated contract expired. The amounts shall be paid monthly from the  
19 horsemen's gross purse enhancement amount from video lottery gaming.

20 § 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same  
21 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the racing, pari-mutuel  
22 wagering and breeding law relating to welfare, medical, and retirement  
23 plans provided by a horsemen's organization in the absence of contractu-  
24 al obligations, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 2612-B and  
25 A. 8206, takes effect.

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

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