AN ACT
RELATING TO SPORTS, RACING, AND ATHLETICS -- SIMULCAST PROGRAMS FROM LICENSED BETTING FACILITIES

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, and Goodwin
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Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 41-11-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 41-11 entitled "Simulcast Programs from Licensed Betting Facilities" is hereby amended to read as follows:

41-11-2. Simulcast. -- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 41-4-2 as to location of programs only, a licensee may enter into a contract with any licensed racing association to simulcast programs from the facility on certain racing days.

(b) A licensee may simulcast programs a maximum of two hundred seventy (270) days in a state fiscal calendar year for all or a portion of the days and times that video lottery games are offered at the licensee's facility.

(c) A licensee shall obtain a permit from the division of racing and athletics.

(d) A licensee may accept pari-mutuel wagering on the simulcast at the licensed facility and not at any other location.

(e) (1) When the program is a dog race, the licensee shall compensate the owners of dog kennels who are under contract with the licensee at the time of the program. The compensation shall be equal to that percentage of the pari-mutuel handle paid to the owners pursuant to the contract then existing between the licensee and the owners.

(2) A licensee licensed pursuant to chapter 7 of title 41 who receives simulcasts of dog races intrastate shall compensate the owners of dog kennels who are under contract with a licensee licensed pursuant to chapter 3.1 of title 41 at the time of the simulcast an amount equal to
the percentage of the pari-mutuel handle being paid to the dog kennel owners pursuant to their contracts with the licensee licensed pursuant to chapter 3.1 of title 41.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general law, public law, or local ordinance to the contrary, including without limitation the provisions contained in §§5-23-2(d), 25-3-2 and 25-3-3, a licensee, other than an entity licensed pursuant to §41-7-3 (a) and (c), shall not be required to provide employees time and a half pay for the work performed during Sundays and holidays.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
EXPLANATION
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1 This act would authorize holders of certain gaming licenses to simulcast programs for all
or a portion of the days and times that video lottery games are offered at the licensee's facility.
3 This act would also provide that licensees would not be required to pay employees time and a half
4 pay for work during Sundays and holidays.
5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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