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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR SCORC ORIGINAL DATE 2/10/17  
 LAST UPDATED 2/14/17 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Horse Racing Licenses, Health and Testing SB 184/SCORCS/aSJC

ANALYST Romero

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	(\$100.0)	(\$100.0)	(\$100.0)	(\$300.0)	Recurring	SRC Operating

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicate: CS/HB 229

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

State Racing Commission (SRC)

Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Senate Judiciary Committee Amendment

This amendment strikes “performance-altering substance” in the bill and replaces it with “prohibited substance.”

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 184 amends the Horse Racing Act to clarify exceptions to conduct that requires denial or revocation of an occupational license, as well as defining the time period for denial of license. It mandates that the Racing Commission hire or contract an equine health and testing advisor, removing sections requiring an “official chemist” be named by the commission. It also changes the requirement that split samples be stored at the Scientific Laboratory Division at the Department of Health for three months and instead allows for storage at a site maintained by the commission for a time determined using industry guidelines.

This bill also authorizes the commission to revoke occupational licenses for a period not to exceed five years if the licensee attempted to use or conspired with others to use an electrical or mechanical device, implement or instrument for the purpose of affecting the speed or stamina of a racehorse.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Senate Bill 184 expands the usability of the horserace testing fund for other operational expenses in regulating horse racing. It allows the racing commission to handle urine and blood samples in accordance with industry standards, saving about \$100 thousand currently used to store samples with the Scientific Laboratory Division of the Department of Health.

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