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HOUSE BILL 184

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HORSE RACING; PROVIDING FOR THE CHAIR OF THE GAMING CONTROL BOARD TO SERVE EX OFFICIO ON THE STATE RACING COMMISSION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 60-1A-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2007, Chapter 39, Section 3) is amended to read:

"60-1A-3. COMMISSION CREATED--APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS--TERMS OF OFFICE.--

A. The "state racing commission" is created and is administratively attached to the tourism department.

B. The commission shall consist of five members, the chair of the gaming control board, who serves ex officio, and four other members no more than ~~three~~ two of whom shall be members of the same political party. The commission members

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1 shall be appointed by the governor and be confirmed by the
2 senate. All members of the commission shall hold at-large
3 positions on the commission.

4 C. At least [~~three~~] two of the members of the
5 commission shall be practical breeders of racehorses within New
6 Mexico.

7 D. A commission member shall have primary residence
8 in New Mexico and shall be of high character and reputation so
9 that public confidence in the administration of horse racing is
10 maintained.

11 E. The term of each appointed member of the
12 commission shall be six years from the date of the member's
13 appointment. The member shall serve until a successor is
14 appointed. In the case of a vacancy in the membership of the
15 commission, the governor shall fill the vacancy by appointment
16 for the unexpired term.

17 F. A person shall not be eligible for appointment
18 as a member of the commission who is an officer, official or
19 director in a corporation conducting horse racing within the
20 state.

21 G. Appointed members of the commission shall
22 receive no salary for their service on the commission, but each
23 appointed member of the commission [~~shall~~] is entitled to
24 receive per diem and mileage pursuant to the Per Diem and
25 Mileage Act.

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H. The commission may appoint an executive director
and establish the executive director's duties and
compensation."