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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Ezzell ORIGINAL DATE 2/16/15
LAST UPDATED 3/10/15 HB 379
SHORT TITLE Racehorse Drug Testing SB _____
ANALYST Elkins

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

| | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | 3 Year Total Cost | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|-------|------|------|------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Total | | NFI | NFI | | | |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB 489.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

State Racing Commission (SRC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 379 requires the State Racing Commission (SRC) to follow guidelines established in the model rules published by the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) for handling pre-race, post-race, out-of-competition, and necropsy testing of samples taken from race horses. The bill also requires the money in the racehorse testing fund be used by SRC for pre-race, post-race, out-of-competition, and necropsy testing of samples taken from race horses and that the testing follow ARCI guidelines.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant fiscal implications.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to ARCI:

The model rules are all encompassing. They affect thoroughbred, standardbred, quarter horse, and greyhound racing. Regulatory entities are encouraged to adopt the model rules by reference as a way to enhance uniformity of regulation in a sport that has

evolved to be multi-jurisdictional.

To ensure the quality of drug testing programs as well as to ensure the security of the wagering system, ARCI has adopted standards for drug testing labs as well as the totalizator systems that process the individual wagers of millions of racing fans.

<http://arcicom.businesscatalyst.com/model-rules---standards.html>

SRC has already adopted ARCI model rules and guidelines for controlled substances, therapeutic medications, and penalties. However, this bill adds language to sections of the Horse Racing Act related to testing to require pre-race, post-race, out-of-competition, and necropsy testing of blood serum plasma, urine, or other appropriate test samples follow ARCI's model rules.

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