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House Bill 4233 (Substitute S-3 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Representative Morris Hood III
House Committee: Judiciary
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Horse Racing Law to require an applicant for an occupational license to provide the Racing Commissioner with one or more sets of the applicant's fingerprints and the appropriate fees, as requested by the Commissioner. The Commissioner would have to send the fingerprints and fees either to the Department of State Police or to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in a manner acceptable to the FBI.

If the fingerprints and fees were sent to the State Police, the Department would have to forward the prints and fees to the FBI for a criminal history check.

Information obtained under these provisions could be used only to determine the character and fitness of the applicant for licensing purposes.

(Under the Act, occupational licenses are issued to individuals participating in, involved in, or otherwise having to do with horse racing, pari-mutuel wagering, or simulcasting at a licensed horse race meeting in the State. As a condition of licensure, an applicant must disclose information the Racing Commissioner considers necessary and proper, including fingerprints.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government. If fingerprints are submitted to the Department of State Police for criminal background checks, the applicant pays a \$54 fee of which \$24 is forwarded to the Federal government and \$30 is allocated to the State Police for a check of State records.

The Federal government is requiring statutory authorization in order for the FBI to continue processing criminal background checks.

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