

SENATE BILL No. 401

April 18, 2007, Introduced by Senator VAN WOERKOM and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to amend 1995 PA 279, entitled
"Horse racing law of 1995,"
(MCL 431.301 to 431.336) by adding section 20a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 20A. (1) A HOLDER OF A RACE MEETING LICENSE SHALL PAY
2 0.5% OF ALL MONEY WAGERED ON THE RESULTS OF LIVE AND SIMULCAST
3 HORSE RACES CONDUCTED AT THE LICENSE HOLDER'S RACE MEETINGS TO THE
4 STATE TREASURER TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE HORSE RACING PROMOTION FUND
5 CREATED IN THIS SECTION. PAYMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT
6 AFFECT THE AMOUNT OF THE LICENSE HOLDER'S COMMISSION UNDER SECTION
7 17 OR FEE UNDER SECTION 18.

8 (2) THE HORSE RACING PROMOTION FUND IS CREATED WITHIN THE
9 STATE TREASURY.

10 (3) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL DEPOSIT MONEY RECEIVED UNDER

1 SUBSECTION (1), AND MAY RECEIVE MONEY OR OTHER ASSETS FROM ANY
2 OTHER SOURCE, FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE HORSE RACING PROMOTION FUND. THE
3 STATE TREASURER SHALL DIRECT THE INVESTMENT OF THE HORSE RACING
4 PROMOTION FUND. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT TO THE HORSE
5 RACING PROMOTION FUND INTEREST AND EARNINGS FROM FUND INVESTMENTS.

6 (4) MONEY IN THE HORSE RACING PROMOTION FUND AT THE CLOSE OF
7 THE FISCAL YEAR SHALL REMAIN IN THE HORSE RACING PROMOTION FUND AND
8 SHALL NOT LAPSE TO THE GENERAL FUND.

9 (5) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHALL DISTRIBUTE MONEY FROM
10 THE HORSE RACING PROMOTION FUND, UPON APPROPRIATION, AS GRANTS TO
11 HOLDERS OF RACE MEETING LICENSES TO FUND 50% OF THE COST OF
12 PROGRAMS PROPOSED BY THE RECIPIENTS TO ADVERTISE AND PROMOTE HORSE
13 RACING IN THIS STATE.

14 (6) A HOLDER OF A RACE MEETING LICENSE IS INELIGIBLE TO
15 RECEIVE A GRANT UNDER SUBSECTION (5) UNLESS THE LICENSE HOLDER CAN
16 SHOW TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE THAT IN
17 THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR THE LICENSE HOLDER SPENT ON ANY PROPOSED
18 PROGRAM FOR WHICH THE LICENSE HOLDER RECEIVED A GRANT UNDER
19 SUBSECTION (5) AN AMOUNT FROM THE LICENSE HOLDER'S OWN MONEY EQUAL
20 TO OR GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT.

21 (7) THE HOLDER OF A RACE MEETING LICENSE SHALL USE MONEY
22 DISTRIBUTED FROM THE HORSE RACING PROMOTION FUND ONLY FOR THE
23 PURPOSE OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTING HORSE RACING IN THIS STATE.