

THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE (EXCERPT)

Act 328 of 1931

CHAPTER XLVI

HORSE RACING

750.330 Betting odds; publishing and selling.

Sec. 330. Any person, firm, or corporation, who by means of any newspaper, periodical, poster, notice, or other mode of publication or reproduction, publishes or sells reports of betting odds on horse races wherever conducted is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00.

This section does not apply to trotting or pacing races permitted to be held in this state, nor to races conducted at state or county fairs or other fairs conducted by agricultural societies; nor as prohibiting the publication of matters pertaining to pedigrees, entries or results of races excepted by this section, or programs for the use solely of spectators at races nor to any publication designed solely for the benefit of breeders or purchasers of stock.

History: 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;—CL 1948, 750.330;—Am. 2002, Act 672, Eff. Mar. 31, 2003.

Former law: See sections 1 to 3 of Act 328 of 1917, being CL 1929, §§ 16628 to 16630.

750.331 Racing; definition, penalty.

Sec. 331. All running, trotting, or pacing of horses, or any other animals, for any bet or stakes, in money, goods, or other valuable thing, excepting such as are by special laws for that purpose expressly allowed, constitute racing within the meaning of this section, and are hereby declared to be common and public nuisances and all parties concerned therein, either as authors, betters, stakers, stake-holders, judges to determine the speed of animals, riders, contrivers, or abettors thereof, are guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00. However, this section does not apply to the giving of premiums by agricultural and other societies and associations for the running and trotting of horses at fairs or regularly appointed meetings.

Every person who contributes or collects any money, goods, or things in action, for the purpose of making up a purse, plate, or other valuable thing, to be raced for by any animal, contrary to law, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

History: 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;—CL 1948, 750.331;—Am. 2002, Act 672, Eff. Mar. 31, 2003.

Former law: See sections 1 and 3 of Ch. 40 of R.S. 1846, being CL 1857, §§ 5920 and 5922; CL 1871, §§ 7777 and 7779; How., §§ 9387 and 9389; CL 1897, §§ 11396 and 11398; CL 1915, §§ 15114 and 15116; and CL 1929, §§ 16621 and 16623.

750.332 Fraudulent entry of horses in speed contests.

Sec. 332. Fraudulent entry of horses in speed contests—Any person who shall knowingly and corruptly enter, or cause to be entered for competition, or to compete for any prize, purse, premium, stake or sweepstakes, offered by any agricultural society or driving club, or other society organized under the laws of this state, or by any association of persons in this state where the same is to be decided by a contest of speed, any horse, mare, gelding, colt or filly, under an assumed or false name, or out of its proper class or division, with intent to cheat or deceive such society or organization or association, shall be guilty of a felony.

The class or division in which an entry is made, within the meaning of this section, shall be determined by the rules and regulations of the society, organization or association under whose auspices the contest is to be conducted and the published terms and conditions under which the prize, purse, premium, stake or sweepstakes is offered, opened or announced.

The true name of any horse, mare, gelding, colt or filly, within the meaning of this section, shall be the name by which it is known under and according to the rules and regulations of such society, organization or association, and the name by which any horse, mare, gelding, colt or filly has once competed for any prize, purse, premium, stake or sweepstakes, shall be regarded as its true name, unless the name is changed as provided by said rules and regulations.

History: 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;—CL 1948, 750.332.

Former law: See sections 1 to 3 of Act 63 of 1891, being CL 1897, §§ 11769 to 11771; CL 1915, §§ 15583 to 15585; and CL 1929, §§ 16625 to 16627.