

HOUSE BILL NO. 4310

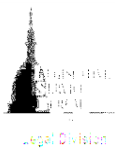
March 07, 2019, Introduced by Rep. Vaupel and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1995 PA 279, entitled
"Horse racing law of 1995,"
by amending sections 8, 17, 20, and 22 (MCL 431.308, 431.317,
431.320, and 431.322), as amended by 2016 PA 271.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 8. (1) The racing commissioner may issue the following
2 general classes of licenses:

3 (a) Occupational licenses issued to individuals participating
4 in, involved in, or otherwise having to do with horse racing, pari-
5 mutuel wagering, or simulcasting at a licensed race meeting in this



1 state.

2 (b) Race meeting licenses issued annually for the succeeding
3 year to persons to conduct live horse racing, simulcasting, and
4 pari-mutuel wagering on the results of live and simulcast horse
5 races at a licensed race meeting in this state under this act.

6 (c) Track licenses issued to persons to maintain or operate a
7 racetrack at which 1 or more race meeting licensees may conduct
8 licensed race meetings in this state.

9 (d) **Third-party facilitator licenses issued to persons**
10 **contracted by race meeting licensees to facilitate wagering on live**
11 **and simulcast racing. The racing commissioner shall establish the**
12 **terms and conditions and the appropriate fee for a third-party**
13 **facilitator license subject to all of the following:**

14 (i) The third-party facilitator must comply with consumer
15 protections, as determined by the racing commissioner, to protect
16 the public.

17 (ii) The third-party facilitator must cooperate in any audit
18 necessary to comply with section 23.

19 (iii) The racing commissioner must have received from the race
20 meeting licensee both a letter of intent and a certification that
21 the race meeting licensee assumes and acknowledges responsibility
22 for all conduct of its third-party facilitator.

23 (iv) The third-party facilitator must comply with the
24 conditions and suitability standards under section 10(1)(e) and (f)
25 and rules promulgated under this act.

26 (v) The license must terminate or expire as follows:

27 (A) On the date and at the time set by the racing commissioner
28 in the license.

29 (B) When the contract with the race meeting licensee to



1 **facilitate live and simulcast wagering expires.**

2 **(C) If the license is suspended or revoked by the racing**
3 **commissioner.**

4 (2) The racing commissioner shall not issue a race meeting
5 license to a person if the person is licensed to conduct a licensed
6 race meeting at another licensed racetrack in this state and the
7 person has a controlling interest in or co-ownership of the other
8 licensed racetrack.

9 Sec. 17. (1) The pari-mutuel system of wagering ~~upon~~**on** the
10 results of horse races as permitted by this act ~~shall~~**is** not be
11 ~~held or construed to be unlawful.~~ All forms of pari-mutuel wagering
12 **must be** conducted ~~at a licensed~~**under a** race meeting ~~shall be~~
13 **license** preapproved by the racing commissioner ~~under~~**by** rule or
14 written order of the commissioner.

15 (2) ~~A holder of a race meeting license may provide a place in~~
16 ~~the race meeting grounds or enclosure at which he or she may~~
17 ~~conduct and supervise pari mutuel wagering on the results of horse~~
18 ~~races as permitted by this act.~~ If pari-mutuel wagering is used at
19 a race meeting, a totalisator or other device that is equal in
20 accuracy and clearness to a totalisator and approved by the racing
21 commissioner must be used. The odds display of the totalisator or
22 other device must be placed in full view of the patrons.

23 (3) Subject to section 18(3), each holder of a race meeting
24 license shall retain as his or her commission on all forms of
25 straight wagering 17% of all money wagered involving straight
26 ~~wagers~~**wagering** on the results of live and simulcast horse races
27 conducted at the licensee's race meetings. Subject to section
28 18(3), each holder of a race meeting license shall retain as his or
29 her commission on all forms of multiple wagering ~~without~~ the



1 written permission of the racing commissioner not more than 28% and
2 with the written permission of the racing commissioner not more
3 than 35% of all money wagered involving any form of multiple ~~wager~~
4 **wagering** on the results of live and simulcast horse races conducted
5 at the licensee's race meeting. Except as otherwise provided by
6 contract, 50% of all commissions from wagering on the results of
7 live racing at the racetrack where the live racing was conducted
8 ~~shall~~**must** be paid to the horsemen's purse pool at the racetrack
9 where the live racing was conducted. As used in this subsection:

10 (a) "Straight wagering" means a wager made on the finishing
11 position of a single specified horse in a single specified race.

12 (b) "Multiple wagering" means a wager made on the finishing
13 positions of more than 1 horse in a specified race or the finishing
14 positions of 1 or more horses in more than 1 specified race.

15 (4) All breaks ~~shall~~**must** be retained by the race meeting
16 licensee and paid directly to the city or township in which the
17 racetrack is located as a fee for services provided under section
18 21.

19 (5) Payoff prices of tickets of a higher denomination must be
20 calculated as even multiples of the payoff price for a \$1.00 wager.
21 Each holder of a race meeting license shall distribute to the
22 persons holding winning tickets, as a minimum, a sum not less than
23 \$1.10 calculated on the basis of each \$1.00 deposited in a pool,
24 except that each race meeting licensee may distribute a sum of not
25 less than \$1.05 to persons holding winning tickets for each \$1.00
26 deposited in a minus pool. As used in this subsection, "minus pool"
27 means any win, place, or show pool in which the payout would exceed
28 the total value of the pool.

29 (6) A holder of a race meeting license shall not knowingly



1 permit a person less than 18 years of age to be a patron of the
 2 pari-mutuel wagering conducted or supervised by the holder.

3 (7) Any act or transaction relative to pari-mutuel wagering on
 4 the results of live or simulcast horse races may be conducted by a
 5 race meeting licensee under this act for the race meeting licensee
 6 to comply with the auditing requirements of section 23. A person
 7 shall not provide messenger service for the placing of a bet for
 8 another person who is not a patron. However, this subsection does
 9 not prevent simulcasting or intertrack or interstate common pool
 10 wagering inside or outside this state as permitted by this act or
 11 the rules promulgated under this act.

12 (8) Any form of pari-mutuel wagering on the results of live or
 13 simulcast horse races must only ~~occur or be permitted to occur at a~~
 14 ~~licensed race meeting. A person shall not participate or be a party~~
 15 ~~to any act or transaction relative to placing a wager or carrying a~~
 16 ~~wager for placement outside of a race meeting ground. A person~~
 17 ~~shall not provide messenger service for the placing of a bet for~~
 18 ~~another person who is not a patron. However, this subsection does~~
 19 ~~not prevent simulcasting or intrastate or interstate common pool~~
 20 ~~wagering inside or outside this state as permitted by this act or~~
 21 ~~the rules promulgated under this act.~~**be conducted or operated by a**
 22 **race meeting licensee, which may use its contracted licensed third-**
 23 **party facilitators, as determined and approved by the racing**
 24 **commissioner. The race meeting licensee is responsible for all**
 25 **conduct of its third-party facilitators. All wagers must be placed**
 26 **by persons within this state and may be placed only in person at a**
 27 **licensed race meeting or electronically through a licensed third-**
 28 **party facilitator. Wagers must be placed only on live races offered**
 29 **at or live races simulcast to licensed race meetings at racetracks**



1 operated by persons that hold track licenses issued under this act.
2 Each race meeting licensee and licensed third-party facilitator
3 shall not solicit, offer, accept, or process wagers on or in
4 connection with any other horse races, form of horse racing, or
5 other form of gaming or gambling product, including, but not
6 limited to, historical horse races, slot machines, or any
7 electronic game of chance that simulates, imitates, or emulates an
8 electronic gaming device such as a video lottery terminal, pulltab
9 dispenser, or any other electronic or mechanical device.

10 (9) A person that does not hold a race meeting license **or a**
11 **third-party facilitator license** that solicits or accepts wagers on
12 the results of live or simulcast horse races from individuals in
13 this state is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not
14 more than 5 years or a fine of not more than \$10,000.00, or both.
15 Each act of solicitation or wager that is accepted in violation of
16 this section is a separate offense.

17 (10) **Only a race meeting licensee or its contracted licensed**
18 **third-party facilitator may process, accept, offer, or solicit**
19 **wagers on the results of live or simulcast horse races as**
20 **determined and approved by the racing commissioner.**

21 (11) ~~(10)~~ As used in this section, "act or transaction
22 relative to pari-mutuel wagering on the results of live or
23 simulcast horse races" means those steps taken by a race meeting
24 licensee to accept a wager and process it within the ordinary
25 course of its business and in accordance with this act.

26 Sec. 20. (1) It is the policy of this state to encourage the
27 breeding of horses of all breeds in this state and the ownership of
28 such horses by residents of this state to provide for sufficient
29 numbers of high quality race horses of all breeds to participate in



1 licensed race meetings in this state; to promote the positive
2 growth and development of high quality horse racing and other
3 equine competitions in this state as a business and entertainment
4 activity for residents of this state; and to establish and preserve
5 the substantial agricultural and commercial benefits of the horse
6 racing and breeding industry to this state. It is the intent of the
7 legislature to further this policy by the provisions of this act
8 and annual appropriations to administer this act and adequately
9 fund the agriculture and equine industry programs established by
10 this section.

11 (2) Money received by the racing commissioner and the state
12 treasurer under this act ~~shall~~**must** be paid promptly into the state
13 treasury and placed in the Michigan agriculture equine industry
14 development fund created in subsection (3).

15 (3) The Michigan agriculture equine industry development fund
16 is created in the department of treasury. The Michigan agriculture
17 equine industry development fund ~~shall~~**must** be administered by the
18 director of the department of agriculture and rural development
19 with the assistance and advice of the racing commissioner.

20 (4) Money ~~shall~~**must** not be expended from the Michigan
21 agriculture equine industry development fund except as appropriated
22 by the legislature. Money appropriated by the legislature ~~for~~**from**
23 the Michigan agriculture equine industry development fund ~~shall~~
24 **must** be expended by the director of the department of agriculture
25 and rural development with the advice and assistance of the racing
26 commissioner to provide funding for agriculture and equine industry
27 development programs as provided in subsections (5) to (11).

28 (5) The following amounts ~~shall~~**must** be paid to standardbred
29 and fair programs:



1 (a) A sum not to exceed 75% of the purses for standardbred
2 harness horse races offered by fairs and races at licensed pari-
3 mutuel racetracks. Purse supplements paid under this subdivision
4 for overnight races at fairs for which Michigan sired, Michigan
5 bred, or Michigan owned harness horses are eligible must be
6 \$1,000.00. However, if the average purse offered for maiden
7 overnight races of the same breed at any licensed race meeting in
8 this state during the previous year as calculated by the department
9 of agriculture and rural development was less than \$1,000.00, purse
10 supplements for overnight races at fairs paid under this
11 subdivision ~~shall~~**must** not exceed that average purse.

12 (b) A sum to be allotted on a matching basis, but not to
13 exceed \$15,000.00 each year to a single fair, for the purpose of
14 equipment rental during fairs; ground improvement; constructing,
15 maintaining, and repairing buildings; and making the racetrack more
16 suitable and safe for racing at fairs.

17 (c) A sum to be allotted for paying special purses at fairs on
18 2-year-old and 3-year-old standardbred harness horses conceived
19 after January 1, 1992, that is Michigan bred, or that is sired by a
20 standardbred stallion registered with the department of agriculture
21 and rural development, that was leased or owned by a resident or
22 residents of this state, and that did not serve a mare at a
23 location outside of this state from February 1 through July 31 of
24 the calendar year in which the conception occurred. A foal that is
25 born on or after January 1, 2002 of a mare owned by a nonresident
26 of this state and that is conceived outside of this state from
27 transported semen of a stallion registered with the department of
28 agriculture and rural development is eligible for Michigan tax-
29 supported races only if, in the year that the foal is conceived,



1 the department of agriculture and rural development's agent for
2 receiving funds as the holding agent for stakes and futurities is
3 paid a transport fee as determined by the department of agriculture
4 and rural development and administered by the Michigan ~~harness~~
5 ~~horsemen's association.~~ **Harness Horsemen's Association.**

6 (d) A sum to pay not more than 75% of an eligible cash premium
7 paid by a fair or exposition. The commission of agriculture and
8 rural development shall promulgate rules establishing which
9 premiums are eligible for payment and a dollar limit for all
10 eligible payments.

11 (e) A sum to pay breeders' awards in an amount not to exceed
12 10% of the gross purse to breeders of Michigan bred standardbred
13 harness horses for each time the horse wins a race at a licensed
14 race meeting or fair in this state. As used in this subdivision,
15 "Michigan bred standardbred harness horse" means a horse from a
16 mare owned by a resident or residents of this state at the time of
17 conception, that was conceived after January 1, 1992, and sired by
18 a standardbred stallion registered with the department of
19 agriculture and rural development that was leased or owned by a
20 resident or residents of this state and that did not serve a mare
21 at a location outside of this state from February 1 through July 31
22 of the calendar year in which the conception occurred. To be
23 eligible, each mare must be registered with the department of
24 agriculture and rural development. A foal that is born on or after
25 January 1, 2002 of a mare owned by a nonresident of this state and
26 that is conceived outside of this state from transported semen of a
27 stallion registered with the department of agriculture and rural
28 development is eligible for Michigan tax-supported races only if,
29 in the year that the foal is conceived, the department of



1 agriculture and rural development's agent for receiving funds as
 2 the holding agent for stakes and futurities is paid a transport fee
 3 as determined by the department of agriculture and rural
 4 development and administered by the Michigan ~~harness-horsemen's~~
 5 ~~association.~~ **Harness Horsemen's Association.**

6 (f) A sum not to exceed \$4,000.00 each year to be allotted to
 7 fairs to provide training and stabling facilities for standardbred
 8 harness horses.

9 (g) A sum to be allotted to pay the presiding judges and
 10 clerks of the course at fairs. Presiding judges and clerks of the
 11 course ~~shall~~ **must** be hired by the fair's administrative body with
 12 the advice and approval of the racing commissioner. The director of
 13 the department of agriculture and rural development may allot funds
 14 for a photo finish system and a mobile starting gate. The director
 15 of the department of agriculture and rural development shall allot
 16 funds for the conducting of tests, the collection and laboratory
 17 analysis of urine, saliva, blood, and other samples from horses,
 18 and the taking of blood alcohol tests on drivers, jockeys, and
 19 starting gate employees, for those races described in this
 20 subdivision. The department may require a driver, jockey, or
 21 starting gate employee to submit to a breathalyzer test, urine
 22 test, or other noninvasive fluid test to detect the presence of
 23 alcohol or a controlled substance. If the results of a test show
 24 that a person has more than .05% of alcohol in his or her blood, or
 25 has present in his or her body a controlled substance, the person
 26 ~~shall~~ **is** not ~~be~~ permitted to continue in his or her duties on that
 27 race day and until he or she can produce, at his or her own
 28 expense, a negative test result.

29 (h) A sum to pay purse supplements to licensed pari-mutuel



1 harness race meetings for special 4-year-old filly and colt horse
2 races.

3 (i) A sum not to exceed 0.25% of all money wagered on live and
4 simulcast horse races in this state ~~shall~~**must** be placed in a
5 special standardbred sire stakes fund each year, 100% of which
6 ~~shall~~**must** be used to provide purses for races run exclusively for
7 2-year-old and 3-year-old Michigan sired standardbred horses at
8 licensed harness race meetings in this state. As used in this
9 subdivision, "Michigan sired standardbred horses" means
10 standardbred horses conceived after January 1, 1992 and sired by a
11 standardbred stallion registered with the department of agriculture
12 and rural development that was leased or owned by a resident or
13 residents of this state and that did not serve a mare at a location
14 outside of this state from February 1 through July 31 of the
15 calendar year in which the conception occurred. A foal that is born
16 on or after January 1, 2002 of a mare owned by a nonresident of
17 this state and that is conceived outside of this state from
18 transported semen of a stallion registered with the department of
19 agriculture and rural development is eligible for Michigan tax-
20 supported races only if, in the year that the foal is conceived,
21 the department of agriculture and rural development's agent for
22 receiving funds as the holding agent for stakes and futurities is
23 paid a transport fee as determined by the department of agriculture
24 and rural development and administered by the Michigan ~~harness~~
25 ~~horsemen's association.~~**Harness Horsemen's Association.**

26 (6) The following amounts ~~shall~~**must** be paid to thoroughbred
27 programs:

28 (a) A sum to be allotted thoroughbred race meeting licensees
29 to supplement the purses for races to be conducted exclusively for



1 Michigan bred horses.

2 (b) A sum to pay awards to owners of Michigan bred horses that
3 finish first, second, or third in races open to non-Michigan bred
4 horses.

5 (c) A sum to pay breeders' awards in an amount not to exceed
6 10% of the gross purse to the breeders of Michigan bred
7 thoroughbred horses for each time Michigan bred thoroughbred horses
8 win at a licensed race meeting in this state.

9 (d) A sum to pay purse supplements to licensed thoroughbred
10 race meetings for special 4-year-old and older filly and colt horse
11 races.

12 (e) A sum not to exceed 0.25% of all money wagered on live and
13 simulcast horse races in ~~Michigan shall~~ **this state must** be placed
14 in a special thoroughbred sire stakes fund each year, 100% of which
15 ~~shall must~~ be used to provide purses for races run exclusively for
16 2-year-old and 3-year-old and older Michigan sired thoroughbred
17 horses at licensed thoroughbred race meetings in this state and
18 awards for owners of Michigan sired horses or stallions. As used in
19 this subdivision, "Michigan sired thoroughbred horses" means
20 thoroughbred horses sired by a stallion registered with the
21 department of agriculture and rural development that was leased or
22 owned exclusively by a resident or residents of this state and that
23 did not serve a mare at a location outside of this state during the
24 calendar year in which the service occurred.

25 (7) The following amounts ~~shall must~~ be paid for quarter horse
26 programs:

27 (a) A sum to supplement the purses for races to be conducted
28 exclusively for Michigan bred quarter horses.

29 (b) A sum to pay not more than 75% of the purses for



1 registered quarter horse races offered by fairs.

2 (c) A sum to pay breeders' awards in an amount not to exceed
3 10% of a gross purse to breeders of Michigan bred quarter horses
4 for each time a Michigan bred quarter horse wins at a county fair
5 or licensed race meeting in this state.

6 (d) As used in this subsection, "Michigan bred quarter horse"
7 means that term as defined in R 285.817.1 of the Michigan
8 Administrative Code. Each mare and stallion ~~shall~~**must** be
9 registered with the director of the department of agriculture and
10 rural development.

11 (8) The following amounts ~~shall~~**must** be paid for Appaloosa
12 programs:

13 (a) A sum to supplement the purses for races to be conducted
14 exclusively for Michigan bred Appaloosa horses.

15 (b) A sum to pay not more than 75% of the purses for
16 registered Appaloosa horse races offered by fairs.

17 (c) A sum to pay breeders' awards in an amount not to exceed
18 10% of the gross purse to the breeders of Michigan bred Appaloosa
19 horses for each time Michigan bred horses win at a fair or licensed
20 race meeting in this state.

21 (d) As used in this subsection, "Michigan bred Appaloosa
22 horse" means **a Michigan bred appaloosa horse as** that term ~~as~~**is**
23 defined in R 285.819.1 of the Michigan Administrative Code. Each
24 mare and stallion ~~shall~~**must** be registered with the director of the
25 department of agriculture and rural development.

26 (9) The following amounts ~~shall~~**must** be paid for Arabian
27 programs:

28 (a) A sum to supplement the purses for races to be conducted
29 exclusively for Michigan bred Arabian horses.



1 (b) A sum to pay not more than 75% of the purses for
2 registered Arabian horse races offered by fairs.

3 (c) A sum to pay breeders' awards in an amount not to exceed
4 10% of the gross purse to the breeders of Michigan bred Arabian
5 horses for each time Michigan bred horses win at a fair or licensed
6 racetrack in this state.

7 (d) As used in this subsection, "Michigan bred Arabian horse"
8 means a Michigan-bred horse as that term is defined in R
9 285.822.1(i) of the Michigan Administrative Code. Each mare and
10 stallion shall be registered with the director of the department of
11 agriculture and rural development.

12 (10) The following sums ~~shall~~**must** be paid for American paint
13 horse programs:

14 (a) A sum to supplement the purses for races to be conducted
15 exclusively for Michigan bred American paint horses.

16 (b) A sum to pay not more than 75% of the purses for
17 registered American paint horse races offered by fairs.

18 (c) A sum to pay breeders' awards in an amount not to exceed
19 10% of the gross purse to the breeders of Michigan bred American
20 paint horses for each time a Michigan bred American paint horse
21 wins at a county fair or licensed race meeting in this state.

22 (d) As used in this subsection, "Michigan bred American paint
23 horse" means a Michigan-bred paint horse as that term is defined in
24 R 285.823.1 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

25 (11) The following amounts ~~shall~~**must** be paid for the equine
26 industry research, planning, and development grant fund program:

27 (a) A sum to fund grants for research projects conducted by
28 persons affiliated with a university or governmental research
29 agency or institution or other private research entity approved by



1 the racing commissioner, which are beneficial to the horse racing
2 and breeding industry in this state.

3 (b) A sum to fund the development, implementation, and
4 administration of new programs that promote the proper growth and
5 development of the horse racing and breeding industry in this state
6 and other valuable equine-related commercial and recreational
7 activities in this state.

8 (12) As used in subsection (11), "equine industry research"
9 means the study, discovery and generation of accurate and reliable
10 information, findings, conclusions, and recommendations that are
11 useful or beneficial to the horse racing and breeding industry in
12 this state through improvement of the health of horses; prevention
13 of equine illness and disease, and performance-related accidents
14 and injuries; improvement of breeding technique and racing
15 performance; and compilation and study of valuable and reliable
16 statistical data regarding the size, organization, and economics of
17 the industry in this state; and strategic planning for the
18 effective promotion, growth, and development of the industry in
19 this state.

20 (13) An amount ~~shall~~**must** be allotted annually to the racing
21 commissioner that is sufficient to pay for the collection and
22 laboratory analysis of urine, saliva, blood, and other samples from
23 horses and licensed individuals involved in horse racing on which
24 pari-mutuel wagers are made and for the conducting of tests
25 described in section 16(4).

26 (14) Money appropriated and allotted to the Michigan
27 agriculture equine industry development fund ~~shall~~**must** not revert
28 to the general fund and ~~shall~~**must** be carried forward from year to
29 year until disbursed to fund grants for research projects



1 beneficial to the industry.

2 (15) A percentage of the Michigan agriculture equine industry
3 development fund that is equal to ~~1/100~~**1/15** of 1% of the gross
4 wagers made each year in each of the racetracks licensed under this
5 act ~~shall~~**must** be deposited in the compulsive gaming prevention
6 fund created in section 3 of the compulsive gaming prevention act,
7 1997 PA 70, MCL 432.253.

8 (16) The director of the department of agriculture and rural
9 development shall promulgate rules pursuant to the administrative
10 procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, to
11 implement this section. The rules promulgated under this subsection
12 ~~shall~~**must** do all of the following:

13 (a) Prescribe the conditions under which the Michigan
14 agriculture equine industry development fund and related programs
15 described in subsections (1) to (14) ~~shall~~**must** be funded.

16 (b) Establish conditions and penalties regarding the programs
17 described in subsections (5) to (12).

18 (c) Develop and maintain informational programs related to
19 this section.

20 (17) Funds under the control of the department of agriculture
21 and rural development in this section ~~shall~~**must** be disbursed under
22 the rules promulgated ~~pursuant to~~**under** subsection (16). All funds
23 under the control of the department of agriculture and rural
24 development approved for purse supplements and breeders' awards
25 ~~shall~~**must** be paid by the state treasurer not later than 45 days
26 from the date of the race.

27 **(18) Purses paid under this section must be based on actual**
28 **purses awarded in a race. If the actual purses awarded are less**
29 **than the purse supplement amount requested by a fair or licensed**



1 pari-mutuel racetrack at the time they applied to the department of
2 agriculture and rural development for the purse supplement, the
3 purse supplement paid must be the lesser amount.

4 Sec. 22. (1) A licensed racetrack shall pay a license fee to
5 the racing commissioner of \$1,000.00 annually.

6 (2) Each holder of a race meeting license shall pay to the
7 state treasurer, from the holder's commission, **including any wagers**
8 **processed through licensed third-party facilitators operating under**
9 **this act**, a tax in the amount of 3.5% of money wagered on
10 interstate and intertrack simulcast races conducted at the holder's
11 licensed race meetings.

12 (3) By eliminating the pari-mutuel wagering tax on live racing
13 programs and altering the calculation of the tax on simulcast horse
14 racing, it is not the intent of the legislature to diminish the
15 funding and appropriations for the Michigan agriculture equine
16 industry **development** fund and related programs described in section
17 20. The pari-mutuel tax alteration effected by this section is
18 intended to generally allow for the improvement of the pari-mutuel
19 horse racing and breeding industry in this state by increasing
20 purses at licensed race meetings and making additional pari-mutuel
21 revenues available for capital improvements at licensed racetracks
22 in this state.

