ESSB 5407 - H AMD **242 WITHDRAW 5/23/01**

By Representative Bush

3 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the 4 following:

- Sec. 1. RCW 67.16.200 and 2000 c 223 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) A racing association licensed by the commission to conduct a race meet may seek approval from the commission to conduct parimutuel wagering on its program at a satellite location or locations within the state of Washington. The sale of parimutuel pools at satellite locations shall be conducted only during the licensee's race meet and simultaneous to all parimutuel wagering activity conducted at the licensee's live racing facility in the state of Washington. The commission's authority to approve satellite wagering at a particular location is subject to the following limitations:
- (a) The commission may approve only one satellite location in each county in the state; however, the commission may grant approval for more than one licensee to conduct wagering at each satellite location. A satellite location shall not be operated within twenty driving miles of any class 1 racing facility. For the purposes of this section, "driving miles" means miles measured by the most direct route as determined by the commission; and
- (b) A licensee shall not conduct satellite wagering at any satellite location within sixty driving miles of any other racing facility conducting a live race meet.
- (2) Subject to local zoning and other land use ordinances, the commission shall be the sole judge of whether approval to conduct wagering at a satellite location shall be granted.
- (3) The licensee shall combine the parimutuel pools of the satellite location with those of the racing facility for the purpose of determining odds and computing payoffs. The amount wagered at the satellite location shall be combined with the amount wagered at the racing facility for the application of take out formulas and distribution as provided in RCW 67.16.102, 67.16.105, 67.16.170, and 67.16.175. A satellite extension of the licensee's racing facility

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shall be subject to the same application of the rules of racing as the licensee's racing facility.

- (4) Upon written application to the commission, a class 1 racing association may be authorized to transmit simulcasts of live horse races conducted at its racetrack to locations outside of the state of Washington approved by the commission and in accordance with the interstate horse racing act of 1978 (15 U.S.C. Sec. 3001 to 3007) or any other applicable laws. The commission may permit parimutuel pools on the simulcast races to be combined in a common pool. A racing association that transmits simulcasts of its races to locations outside this state shall pay at least fifty percent of the fee that it receives for sale of the simulcast signal to the horsemen's purse account for its live races after first deducting the actual cost of sending the signal out of state.
- (5) Upon written application to the commission, a class 1 racing association may be authorized to transmit simulcasts of live horse races conducted at its racetrack to licensed racing associations located within the state of Washington and approved by the commission for the receipt of the simulcasts. The commission shall permit parimutuel pools on the simulcast races to be combined in a common The fee for in-state, track-to-track simulcasts shall be five and one-half percent of the gross parimutuel receipts generated at the receiving location and payable to the sending racing association. racing association that transmits simulcasts of its races to other licensed racing associations shall pay at least fifty percent of the fee that it receives for the simulcast signal to the horsemen's purse account for its live race meet after first deducting the actual cost of sending the simulcast signal. A racing association that receives races simulcast from class 1 racing associations within the state shall pay at least fifty percent of its share of the parimutuel receipts to the horsemen's purse account for its live race meet after first deducting the purchase price and the actual direct costs of importing the race.
- (6) A class 1 racing association may be allowed to import simulcasts of horse races from out-of-state racing facilities. With the prior approval of the commission, the class 1 racing association may participate in an interstate common pool and may change its commission and breakage rates to achieve a common rate with other participants in the common pool.

- (a) The class 1 racing association shall make written application with the commission for permission to import simulcast horse races for the purpose of parimutuel wagering. Subject to the terms of this section, the commission is the sole authority in determining whether to grant approval for an imported simulcast race.
- (b) ((During the conduct of its race meeting, a class 1 racing association may be allowed to import no more than one simulcast race card program during each live race day.)) A licensed racing association may also be approved to import one simulcast race of regional or national interest on each live race day. ((A class 1 racing association may be permitted to import two simulcast programs on two nonlive race days per each week during its live meet. A licensee shall not operate parimutuel wagering on more than five days per week. Parimutuel wagering on imported simulcast programs shall only be conducted at the live racing facility of a class 1 racing association.))
- (c) The commission may allow simulcast races of regional or national interest to be sent to satellite locations. The simulcasts shall be limited to one per day except for Breeder's Cup special events day.
- (d) When open for parimutuel wagering, a class 1 racing association which imports simulcast races shall also conduct simulcast parimutuel wagering within its licensed racing enclosure on all races simulcast from other class 1 racing associations within the state of Washington.
- (e) ((When not conducting a live race meeting, a class 1 racing association may be approved to conduct simulcast parimutuel wagering on imported simulcast races.)) The conduct of ((simulcast)) parimutuel wagering on ((the)) imported simulcast races shall be for not more than fourteen hours during any twenty- four hour period, for not more than five days per week and only at ((its)) the live racing facility of a class 1 racing association.
- (f) On any imported simulcast race, the class 1 racing association shall pay fifty percent of its share of the parimutuel receipts to the horsemen's purse account for its live race meet after first deducting the purchase price of the imported race and the actual costs of importing the race.

- (7) For purposes of this section, a class 1 racing association is defined as a licensee approved by the commission to conduct during each twelve-month period at least forty days of live racing. If a live race day is canceled due to reasons directly attributable to acts of God, labor disruptions affecting live race days but not directly involving the licensee or its employees, or other circumstances that the commission decides are beyond the control of the class 1 racing association, then the canceled day counts toward the forty-day requirement. The commission may by rule increase the number of live racing days required to maintain class 1 racing association status or make other rules necessary to implement this section.
- (8) This section does not establish a new form of gaming in Washington or allow expanded gaming within the state beyond what has been previously authorized. Simulcast wagering has been allowed in Washington before April 19, 1997. Therefore, this section does not allow gaming of any nature or scope that was prohibited before April 19, 1997. This section is necessary to protect the Washington equine breeding and racing industries, and in particular those sectors of these industries that are dependent upon live horse racing. The purpose of this section is to protect these industries from adverse economic impacts and to promote fan attendance at class 1 racing facilities. Therefore, imported simulcast race card programs shall not be disseminated to any location outside the live racing facility of the class 1 racing association and a class 1 racing association is strictly prohibited from simulcasting imported race card programs to any location outside its live racing facility.
- (9) A licensee shall include the following statement in any advertising or promotion of a simulcast race conducted by the licensee:

 "CAUTION: Participation in gambling activity may result in pathological gambling behavior causing emotional and financial harm. For help, call 1-800-547-6133."
- For purposes of this subsection, advertising includes print media, point-of-sale advertising, electronic media, billboards, and radio advertising.—