

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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1.	<u>Fort</u>	<u>Martin</u>	1. <u>COM</u>	<u>Fav./ CS</u>
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SUBJECT:

Pari-mutuel Wagering

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR:

CS/HB 246 substituted for
 (CS/SB 0088 by
 Commerce and Senator McPherson)
 Signed by Governor
 Ch. 84-9, Laws of Florida

I. SUMMARY:

A. Present Situation:

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B. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill would authorize race tracks and frontons to transmit broadcasts of races or games out-of-state. This would permit off-track betting in other states on Florida races and games. At least 80 percent of the races or games in each performance on which wagers are taken must be live races or games unless the permitholder is unable to fill the daily race or game card or the division has approved otherwise.

The bill would also allow any horse track to receive broadcast of horse racing conducted outside the state and to accept pari-mutuel wagering on these races. The money wagered would be subject to state taxes on the same basis as the wagering on the races actually conducted at the Florida tracks.

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No payment may be made to a patron holding a pri-mutuel ticket on a transmitted race or game until such race or game is confirmed official by the stewards, judges, or other similar body at the originating racetrack or fronton.

This bill also redefines "racketeering activity" to include acts relating to jai alai frontons.

Violation of the provisions of this bill would be a third degree felony.

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II. ECONOMIC IMPACT AND FISCAL NOTE:

A. Public:

Tracks and frontons may experience increased attendance if broadcast of out-of-state racing is received. This may lead to a slight increase in handle.

B. Government:

As the wagering on events from other states has not in the past been permitted at pari-mutuel facilities in this state, it is not possible to accurately forecast the impact on wagering.

The Department of Business Regulation estimates a minimum of \$4,200,000 in handle from wagering on out-of-state events. This would result in approximately \$138,600 in increased revenue for the General Fund.

III. COMMENTS:

Technical errors -- none noted.

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COMMITTEE ON REGULATED INDUSTRIES & LICENSING

CS/HB 246

SPONSOR(S): Rep. Ward

RELATING TO: Pari-mutuel Wagering; Simulcasting

OTHER COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE: None

COMPANION/SIMILAR: SB 88

June 12, 1984

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Conforms provisions of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization (RICO) Act to changes in S. 550.35.

II. PRIVATE SECTOR/STATE/LOCAL FISCAL IMPACT

A. Private Sector Impact

Out-of-state racing broadcasts to Florida facilities will likely increase attendance and handle, and, in turn, track and fronton revenues.

Transmission of additional races and games to other states will enhance individual track and fronton revenues.

B. State Fiscal Impact

The Department of Business Regulation estimates there will be a minimum of 12 horseracing broadcasts into Florida on which will be wagered \$350,000 per broadcast to generate \$138,600 in additional tax revenue.

III. COMMENTS - None

IV. AMENDMENTS - One - Effective date changed from October 1, 1984, to upon becoming a law.

Prepared by: Bill Ryan

Staff Director: Bill Ryan

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CS/HB 246

SPONSOR(S): Rep. Ward

RELATING TO: Pari-mutuel Wagering; Simulcasting

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April 6, 1984

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HB 246

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RELATING TO: Pari-mutuel Wagering; Simulcasting

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March 30, 1984

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III. COMMENTS - None

IV. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. is amended with style and grammar changes and to require that at least 80% of the races or games per performance be live rather than broadcast.

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COMMITTEE ON REGULATED INDUSTRIES & LICENSING

HB 246

SPONSOR(S): Rep. Ward

RELATING TO: Pari-mutuel Wagering; Simulcasting

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February 3, 1984

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