

CHAPTER 405

H.B. No. 2833

AN ACT

relating to a change of location of a racetrack and the conversion of a reinstated racetrack license to a perpetual license.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 6.14, Texas Racing Act (Article 179e, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) On request of an association, the commission shall amend a racetrack license to change the location of the racetrack if the commission finds that:

(1) the conduct of race meetings at the proposed track at the new location will be in the public interest;

(2) there was not a competing applicant for the original license; and

(3) the association's desire to change location is not the result of a subterfuge in the original licensing proceeding.

SECTION 2. Section 6.19(e), Texas Racing Act (Article 179e, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(e) A license reinstated under this section expires on the second anniversary of the date that it is reinstated. The commission shall convert a reinstated license to a perpetual license if the commission finds that, on the date the reinstated license will expire, construction or renovation of the racetrack proposed by the association has been financed.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 30, 1993: Yeas 127, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 19, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 2, 1993.

Effective June 2, 1993.