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A Bill

SENATE BILL 330

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS GREYHOUND RACING LAW; TO PERMIT A DOG RACING FRANCHISE HOLDER TO REQUEST TO HOLD RACES ON THE DAYS AND DURING THE HOURS PERMITTED BY THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS GREYHOUND RACING LAW AND TO PERMIT A DOG RACING FRANCHISE HOLDER TO REQUEST TO HOLD RACES ON THE DAYS AND DURING THE HOURS PERMITTED BY THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-111-502 is amended to read as follows:

23-111-502. ~~Number of racing days and meets generally~~ Hours Racing days and hours generally.

(a)(1) Upon application of the dog racing franchise holder, the Arkansas Racing Commission may authorize each dog racing franchise holder to conduct, during any calendar year, ~~not more than two (2) racing meets of one hundred twenty two (122) nights each, on those nights which the commission may determine to be in the best interest of the dog racing franchisee, kennel owners, and greyhound racing in the State of Arkansas, Sundays excepted~~ greyhound racing on the days and during the hours as determined by the commission and as set forth in its rules.



(2) The commission's rules and regulations shall be in the best interests of the dog racing franchisee, kennel owners, and greyhound racing in the State of Arkansas.

(3) Greyhound racing on Easter Sunday or Christmas Day is prohibited.

~~(b) All night racing at any meet shall be held between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.~~

~~(c) At the option of the franchise holder, daylight racing may be conducted in addition to night racing on:~~

~~(1) One (1) day, other than a Sunday, during each calendar week of a regular racing meet; and~~

~~(2) Memorial Day, Independence Day holiday, and Labor Day.~~

~~(d) At the option of the franchise holder, upon application to the commission, in addition to night racing and that provided under subsection (c) of this section, up to five (5) additional daylight performances may be conducted each calendar week of a regular racing meet.~~

~~(e)~~(b) All The racing days provided for under §§ 23-111-503 – 23-111-505 shall be conducted at night on the days and during the hours determined by the commission under subsection (a) of this section.