

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 HOUSE BILL 1089

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to amusements and sports; amending 3A
8 O.S. 2021, Section 267, which relates to horse
9 racing; modifying what organization licensees shall
negotiate and covenant; and providing an effective
date.

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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 3A O.S. 2021, Section 267, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 267. For purposes of this act, the organization elected
15 by horsemen that was, in 2003, providing representation for
16 participating Thoroughbred horsemen at meets restricted to
17 Thoroughbred horses only shall be the official representative of all
18 Thoroughbreds participating in live race meets conducted by an
19 organization licensee. The organization elected by horsemen that
20 was, in 2003, providing representation for the breeds participating
21 in mixed-breed racing shall be the official representative of all
22 non-Thoroughbreds participating in live race meets conducted by an
23 organization licensee.

Organization licensees shall negotiate and covenant with the official representative for each breed participating at any race meeting as to the conditions for each race meeting, the distribution of commissions and purses not governed by statutory distribution formulae, simulcast transmission and reception, off-track wagering, all matters relating to welfare, benefits and prerogatives of the participants in the meet, and any other matter required as a matter of law or necessity. During race meets at which there is more than one official representative for horsemen, each official representative association shall designate an equal number of horsemen to serve on a single committee that will periodically meet with the organization licensee to discuss and facilitate track management operations. Any participating horsemen may with written notice filed with the track's horsemen's bookkeeper elect to opt out of representation by the above-referenced organizations. In the event more than fifty percent (50%) of the total participating horsemen for a single breed opt to be excluded, the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission may determine that an election be held among all participating horsemen of that breed to designate an alternate representative organization.

The official horsemen's representative organizations, and any breed organizations receiving funding as a result of this act, shall provide the Commission annually with a complete financial accounting for the use of all funds received pursuant to this act. The

1 official horsemen's representative organization shall administer the
2 benevolence program for participants in each live race meeting and a
3 complete accounting of those funds along with the guidelines for
4 administration and determination of eligibility for the benevolence
5 program are subject to approval by the Commission.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.
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