



Sub. H.B. 177*

127th General Assembly
(As Reported by H. State Government)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Allows the same person, association, trust, or corporation to own and operate two separate race tracks, and generally eliminates the prohibition against the same person, association, trust, or corporation from being issued more than one horse-racing permit, in Ohio.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Changes relating to ownership of more than one race track in Ohio

Current law generally prohibits more than one permit from being granted to the same person, association, trust, or corporation for the holding or conducting of a horse-racing meeting at more than one track, place, or enclosure in Ohio. The bill eliminates this prohibition, and further provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of the Horse Racing Act, a person, association, trust, or corporation may own or operate two separate facilities in Ohio that are conducting horse-racing meetings. (R.C. 3769.07(C).) The State Racing Commission is authorized to issue a second permit for a maximum of 56 days of racing for any one place, track, or enclosure if the Commission determines that the issuance of the second permit is not against the public interest. The bill retains a provision specifying that a second permit cannot be issued to any corporation having one or more shareholders owning, or to any person, association, or trust that owns or that has any members owning, an interest in any other permit the Commission issues for the operation of racing, in the same year, at any other track, place, or enclosure in Ohio (R.C. 3769.07(B) and (C)).

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House State Government Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

HISTORY

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