HOUSE BILL 2792

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1 AN ACT Relating to computing breaks in the parimutuel system; and 2 amending RCW 67.16.060.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 67.16.060 and 1991 c 270 s 3 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

(1) It shall be unlawful:

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7 (a) To conduct pool selling, bookmaking, or to circulate hand 8 books; or

9 (b) To bet or wager on any horse race other than by the parimutuel 10 method; or

11 (c) For any licensee to take more than the percentage provided in 12 RCW 67.16.170 and 67.16.175; or

13 (d) For any licensee to compute breaks in the parimutuel system 14 ((otherwise than)) at more than ten cents.

15 (2) Any willful violation of the terms of this chapter, or of any 16 rule, regulation, or order of the commission shall constitute a gross 17 misdemeanor and when such violation is by a person holding a license 18 under this chapter, the commission may cancel the license held by the 19 offender, and such cancellation shall operate as a forfeiture of all 1 rights and privileges granted by the commission and of all sums of 2 money paid to the commission by the offender; and the action of the 3 commission in that respect shall be final.

4 (3) The commission shall have power to exclude from any and all 5 race courses of the state of Washington any person whom the commission 6 deems detrimental to the best interests of racing or any person who 7 willfully violates any of the provisions of this chapter or of any 8 rule, regulation, or order issued by the commission.

9 (4) Every race meet held in this state contrary to the provisions 10 of this chapter is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

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