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SENATE BILL 6050

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By Senators Prince, Loveland, McCaslin, Moyer and Morton

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1 AN ACT Relating to the conduct of wagering at satellite locations;  
2 and amending RCW 67.16.010 and 67.16.200.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 67.16.010 and 1991 c 270 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 Unless the context otherwise requires, words and phrases as used  
7 (~~herein shall mean~~) in this chapter have the following meanings:

8 "Commission" shall mean the Washington horse racing commission,  
9 hereinafter created.

10 "Operating race tracks" shall mean racing associations conducting  
11 parimutuel horse racing at the same time of day, meaning afternoon  
12 against afternoon or nighttime against nighttime, as the racing  
13 association conducting the horse racing that is the subject of either  
14 or both of the in-state or out-of-state satellite wagering.

15 "Parimutuel machine" shall mean and include both machines at the  
16 track and machines at the satellite locations, that record parimutuel  
17 bets and compute the payoff.

18 "Person" shall mean and include individuals, firms, corporations  
19 and associations.

1       "Racing day" shall mean a full program of races at a specified  
2 operating race track on a specified day.

3       "Race meet" shall mean and include any exhibition of thoroughbred,  
4 quarter horse, paint horse, appaloosa horse racing, arabian horse  
5 racing, or standard bred harness horse racing, where the parimutuel  
6 system is used.

7       Singular shall include the plural, and the plural shall include the  
8 singular; and words importing one gender shall be regarded as including  
9 all other genders.

10       **Sec. 2.** RCW 67.16.200 and 1991 c 270 s 10 are each amended to read  
11 as follows:

12       (1) A racing association licensed by the commission to conduct a  
13 race meet may seek approval from the commission to conduct parimutuel  
14 wagering on its program at a satellite location or locations within the  
15 state of Washington. The sale of parimutuel pools at satellite  
16 locations shall be conducted only during the licensee's race meet and  
17 simultaneous to all parimutuel wagering activity conducted at the  
18 licensee's racing facility in the state of Washington. An approved  
19 satellite location shall permit all racing associations that conduct  
20 race meets of thirty days or more licensed by the commission to conduct  
21 satellite wagering at each satellite location during the race meet of  
22 each licensee. The commission's authority to approve satellite  
23 wagering at a particular location is subject to the following  
24 limitations:

25       (a) The commission may approve only one satellite location in each  
26 county in the state; however, the commission (~~may~~) shall grant  
27 approval for more than one licensee to conduct wagering at each  
28 satellite location.

29       (b) The commission shall not allow a licensee to conduct satellite  
30 wagering at a satellite location within twenty ground miles of the  
31 licensee's racing facility. For purposes of this section, "ground  
32 miles" means miles measured from point to point in a straight line.

33       (c)(i) The commission may allow a licensee to conduct satellite  
34 wagering at a satellite location within fifty ground miles of the  
35 racing facility of another licensee who conducts race meets of thirty  
36 days or more, but only if the satellite location is the racing facility  
37 of another licensee who conducts race meets of thirty days or more and  
38 only if the licensee seeking to conduct satellite wagering suspends its

1 program during the (~~conduct of the meets~~) racing day of all  
2 (~~licensees~~) operating race tracks within fifty ground miles; except  
3 that the commission may allow a licensee that conducts satellite  
4 wagering at another track, pursuant to this subsection, to use other  
5 satellite locations, used by that track with the approval of the owner  
6 of that track, even though those satellite locations are within a fifty  
7 ground mile radius.

8 (ii) Subject to subsection (1)(c)(i) of this section, the  
9 commission may allow a licensee to conduct satellite wagering at a  
10 satellite location within fifty ground miles of the racing facility of  
11 another licensee who conducts race meets of under thirty days, but only  
12 if the licensee seeking to conduct satellite wagering suspends its  
13 satellite program during the conduct of the meets of all licensees  
14 within fifty ground miles.

15 (2) Subject to local zoning and other land use ordinances, the  
16 commission shall be the sole judge of whether approval to conduct  
17 wagering at a satellite location shall be granted.

18 (3) The licensee shall combine the parimutuel pools of the  
19 satellite location with those of the racing facility for the purpose of  
20 determining odds and computing payoffs. The amount wagered at the  
21 satellite location shall be combined with the amount wagered at the  
22 racing facility for the application of take out formulas and  
23 distribution as provided in RCW 67.16.102, 67.16.105, 67.16.170, and  
24 67.16.175. A satellite extension of the licensee's racing facility  
25 shall be subject to the same application of the rules of racing as the  
26 licensee's racing facility.

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