

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## ESHB 3045

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Clarifying the requirements for a class 1 racing license.

**Sponsors:** By House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Wood and Clements).

**House Committee on Commerce & Labor**

**Senate Committee on Commerce, Trade, Housing & Financial Institutions**

### **Background:**

A class 1 racing association is a racing association, licensed by the Horse Racing Commission, that conducts live racing for at least 40 days during a consecutive 4-month period in any 12-month period. The commission may increase the number of live racing days required to maintain an association's class 1 racing status.

Only class 1 racing associations may simulcast out-of-state horse races to an in-state facility. When a racing association is conducting a live race meet, it may simulcast a limited number of out-of-state races on live race days and on two non-live race days each week. When no live race meet is being conducted at a race track, the racing association may simulcast racing for up to 12 hours a day, five days a week. A class 1 racing association also may export the signal from its own live races to out-of-state locations.

A class 1 racing association generates revenue from parimutuel wagering on races conducted live at its own racing facility and from races run in other states and simulcasted to the live in-state race track facility.

### **Summary of Bill:**

A class 1 racing association is a horse racing licensee approved to conduct live racing at least 40 days during a 12-month period. The minimum 40-day requirement no longer must be consecutive days.

A racing association may simulcast races to the live track facility for up to 14 hours a day, five days a week during the non-race meet period when no live racing is being conducted.

If a live race is canceled due to acts of God, labor disruptions not involving the licensee or its employees, or other circumstances beyond the control of the class 1 racing association, the canceled day counts toward the 40-day requirement for class 1 racing association status.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House 95 0

Senate 37 2

**Effective:**