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Sponsor(s): Representative Wood

Brief Description: Concerning simulcast horse racing.

HB 1793 - DIGEST

Declares that this act does not establish a new form of gaming in Washington or allow expanded gaming within the state beyond what has been previously authorized. Simulcast wagering has been allowed in Washington before April 19, 1997, and satellite wagering has been allowed since 1988.

Declares that this act is necessary to protect the Washington equine breeding and racing industries in eastern Washington, and in particular those sectors of these industries that are dependent upon live horse racing.

Provides that, if a state or federal court makes a finding that the increase in the number of imported simulcast races that may be authorized under this act is an expansion of gaming beyond that which is now allowed, this act is null and void.