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H.B. No. 948

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a veterinarian member of the Texas Racing Commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 2.05(a), Texas Racing Act (Article 179e, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(a) Three [~~Four~~] of the appointed members of the commission must be representatives of the general public and have general knowledge of business or agribusiness. One additional appointed member must have special knowledge or experience related to greyhound racing, ~~[and]~~ one additional appointed member must have special knowledge or experience related to horse racing, and one additional appointed member must be a veterinarian. A person is not eligible for appointment as a member of the commission if the person or the person's spouse:

(1) is licensed by the commission, except as a commissioner;

(2) is employed by the commission or participates in the management of a business entity or other organization regulated by the commission or receiving funds from or through the commission;

(3) owns or controls, directly or indirectly, more than a 10 percent interest in a business entity or other organization regulated by the commission or receiving funds from or

1 through the commission; or

2 (4) uses or receives a substantial amount of tangible
3 goods, services, or funds from or through the commission, other
4 than compensation or reimbursement authorized by law for commission
5 membership, attendance, or expenses.

6 SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

7 (b) The change in law made by this Act relating to the
8 qualifications for membership on the Texas Racing Commission does
9 not affect the eligibility of a member of the commission serving
10 immediately before the effective date of this Act to continue to
11 serve on the commission for the term to which the member was
12 appointed. The governor shall appoint a veterinarian to the
13 commission in accordance with Section 2.05(a), Texas Racing Act
14 (Article 179e, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), as amended by this
15 Act, to fill the next vacancy that occurs after the effective date
16 of this Act in a position held by a commission member representing
17 the general public.