Amend CSHB 2271 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering the remaining SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Article 3, Texas Racing Act (Article 179e, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Section 3.23 to read as follows:

Sec. 3.23. HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES. (a) The commission by rule shall establish a policy to require racetrack license holders to contract with vendors that are historically underutilized businesses under Chapter 2161, Government Code. To the extent practical, the policy must comply with that chapter.

(b) Acceptance of a racetrack license under this Act constitutes an agreement by the racetrack license holder to contract with vendors in accordance with the policy established under Subsection (a) of this section.