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(King of Hemphill)

S.B. No. 917

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the applicability of the Texas Mass Gatherings Act to certain horse and greyhound races.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 751, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 751.0021 to read as follows:

Sec. 751.0021. APPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN HORSE AND GREYHOUND RACES. (a) This chapter applies to a horse or greyhound race that attracts or is expected to attract at least 100 persons, except that this chapter does not apply if the race is held at a location at which pari-mutuel wagering is authorized under the Texas Racing Act (Article 179e, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

(b) This section does not legalize any activity prohibited under the Penal Code or other state law.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.