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H.B. No. 4396

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to distributions to the state greyhound breed registry.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 2028.202(c) and (e), Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) From the total amount deducted under Subsection (a), a horse racetrack association that receives an interstate cross-species simulcast signal shall distribute ~~[the following amounts]~~ from each pool wagered on the signal at the racetrack ~~[+~~

~~(1)]~~ a fee of 1.5 percent to be paid to the racetrack in this state sending the signal ~~[, and~~

~~(2) a purse in the amount of 5.5 percent to be paid to the official state greyhound breed registry for use at racetracks in this state].~~

(e) A racetrack association offering wagering on an intrastate cross-species simulcast signal shall send the purse amount specified under Subsection (b)(4) ~~[or (c)(2), as appropriate]~~ to the racetrack conducting the live race that is being simulcast.

SECTION 2. Section 2027.055(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by this subchapter, a horse racetrack may offer wagering on interstate greyhound race simulcast signals only as provided by a contract with the nearest greyhound

1 racetrack. If an agreement between the racetracks cannot be
2 reached by October 1 of the year preceding the calendar year in
3 which the simulcasting is to occur, the horse racetrack may
4 purchase and offer wagering on greyhound race simulcast signals and
5 shall pay to the nearest greyhound racetrack the amounts specified
6 under Section [2028.202\(c\)](#) [~~[2028.202\(c\)\(1\)](#)~~].

7 SECTION 3. The following provisions of the Occupations Code
8 are repealed:

- 9 (1) Section [2028.202\(d\)](#);
- 10 (2) Section [2028.154](#); and
- 11 (3) Section [2030.053](#).

12 SECTION 4. As soon as practicable after the effective date
13 of this Act, the Texas Racing Commission shall adopt the rules
14 necessary to comply with Subtitle A-1, Title 13, Occupations Code
15 (Texas Racing Act), as amended by this Act.

16 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.