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HOUSE BILL NO. 1727

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the House Committee on General Laws on February 2, 1995)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Croshaw)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 59.1-385 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Racing Commission; revocation of operator's licenses.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 59.1-385 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 59.1-385. Suspension or revocation of license.

A. After a hearing with fifteen days' notice the Commission may suspend or revoke any license, or fine the holder thereof a sum not to exceed \$100,000, in any case where it has reason to believe that any provision of this chapter, or any regulation or condition of the Commission, has not been complied with or has been violated. The Commission may revoke a license if it finds that facts not known by it at the time it considered the application indicate that such license should not have been issued.

B. The Commission shall revoke any license issued under § 59.1-382 for the operation of a satellite facility if the licensee, within one year of issuance of the satellite facility license, fails to conduct live

racing at a racetrack licensed pursuant to § 59.1-382.

C. Deliberations of the Commission hereunder shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.1-340 et seq.). If any such license is suspended or revoked, the Commission shall state its reasons for doing so, which shall be entered of record. Such action shall be final unless appealed in accordance with § 59.1-373. Suspension or revocation of a license by the Commission for any violation shall not preclude criminal liability for such violation.