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HOUSE BILL NO. 1755

Offered January 18, 1995

A BILL to amend and reenact § 59.1-371 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Racing Commission; background investigations.

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 59.1-371 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 59.1-371. Fingerprints and background investigations; investigations from other states.

A. The Commission shall fingerprint and require a background investigation to include a criminal history record information check of the following persons to be conducted by a representative of a law-enforcement agency of the Commonwealth or federal government: (i) every person licensed to hold race meetings within the Commonwealth of Virginia; (ii) every person who is an officer or director or principal stockholder of a corporation which holds such a license, and every employee of the holder of any such license whose duties relate to the horse racing business in Virginia; (iii) all security personnel of any license holder; (iv) members and employees of the Virginia Racing Commission; (v) all permit holders, owners, trainers, jockeys, apprentices, stable employees, managers, agents, blacksmiths, veterinarians, employees of any license or permit holder; and (vi) any person who actively participates in the racing activities of any license or permit holder.

B. *Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, the Commission may, by regulation, establish a procedure to recognize a license or permit issued by another state in which horse racing is authorized when the Commission in its discretion determines that the laws and regulations of the licensing authority for such state governing fingerprinting and background investigations are substantially the same as required under this chapter and Commission regulations, and that the applicant has not been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony in such state.*

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