

The Horse Racing Regulation Act

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Chapter H-7 of *The Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1978* (effective February 26, 1979) as amended by the *Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1984-85-86, c.63 and 65; 1986, c.34; 1988-89, c.42; 1994, c.31; and 2003, c.15.*

NOTE:

This consolidation is not official. Amendments have been incorporated for convenience of reference and the original statutes and regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpretation and application of the law. In order to preserve the integrity of the original statutes and regulations, errors that may have appeared are reproduced in this consolidation.

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CHAPTER H-7

An Act for the Regulation of Horse Racing

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Horse Racing Regulation Act*.

Restrictions as to the holding of race-meetings

2(1) Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall hold or conduct any race-meeting or horse-racing, nor shall any person aid in, enter in, judge, start, race in, drive in or ride in any horse race within Saskatchewan.

(2) The prohibitions contained in subsection (1) do not apply to:

- (a) race-meetings held under the auspices of an agricultural society or exhibition association on a race course operated as a part of or in connection with an agricultural fair or exhibition;
- (b) horse-racing by an association, turf club or group of persons as authorized by the Liquor and Gaming Authority;
- (c) race-meetings at which no opportunity is afforded either directly or indirectly by the management or otherwise for the placing of bets or wagers through the agency of a pari-mutuel system or otherwise.

R.S.S. 1978, c.H-7, s.2; 1994, c.31, s.106.

Horse-racing on only one track in municipality

3 In any city, town, village or rural municipality, horse-race meetings or horse-racing may be held at one but not more than one race-course or track in each calendar year.

R.S.S. 1978, c.H-7, s.3.

Interval between meetings

4(1) Subject to subsection (2), no horse-race meeting shall be opened or conducted upon a race-course or track within ten days of the conclusion of another horse-race meeting or horse-racing upon that race-course or track.

(2) The Liquor and Gaming Authority, in setting dates for horse-race meetings pursuant to clause 17(2)(h) of *The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Act, 1997*, may waive the requirements of subsection (1).

R.S.S. 1978, c.H-7, s.4; 1984-85-86, c.65, s.2;
1994, c.31, s.106; 2003, c.15, s.15.

Penalties

5(1) A person who, in contravention of this Act, holds or conducts, or as owner, occupant or lessee of a race-course, permits thereon, any horse-race meeting or horse-racing or aids in, enters in, judges, starts, races in, drives in, or rides in a horse-race, is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$5,000 with costs, and in default of payment, to imprisonment for not less than one month nor more than six months, and each day's repetition or continuance of any such contravention constitutes a new and distinct offence.

(2) Where an offence under this Act is committed by a corporation, every director and officer shall *prima facie* be deemed to be a party to the offence so committed and is personally liable to the penalties herein prescribed.

R.S.S. 1978, c.H-7, s.5.

Tax on pari-mutuel bets

6(1) In this section “**operator**” means a person who is in any manner the custodian or depositary of money staked or deposited in Saskatchewan in the making of a bet with respect to any horse race conducted inside or outside Saskatchewan.

(2) From every person betting in Saskatchewan with respect to any horse race conducted inside or outside Saskatchewan under the system known as the pari-mutuel, there shall be levied and collected in the manner provided in this section a tax for Her Majesty for the public uses of the province, equal to ten per cent of the amount of money deposited by him with the operator when making his bet.

(3) Every operator shall, when money is deposited with him for the purpose of making a bet:

(a) collect the amount of tax by deducting it from the money deposited before recording or applying it to that purpose; and

(b) make records and reports of all moneys deposited, bets made and tax collected; and

(c) remit all amounts of tax collected to the minister responsible for the administration of *The Revenue and Financial Services Act* in accordance with Part III of that Act and the regulations made pursuant to that Part.

(4) The minister may enforce the collection and remission of taxes imposed pursuant to this section or any violation of any provision of this section in accordance with Part III of *The Revenue and Financial Services Act* and the regulations made pursuant to that Part.

(5) **Repealed.** 1984-85-86, c.63, s.7.

R.S.S. 1978, c.H-7, s.6; 1984-85-86, c.63, s.7;
1986, c.34, s.2; 1988-89, c.42, s.48.