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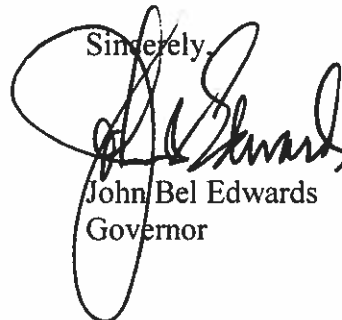
Honorable Clay J. Schexnayder  
Speaker of the House  
Louisiana House of Representatives  
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RE: Veto of House Bill 365 of the 2021 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Schexnayder:

Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 365 of the 2021 Regular Session.

As originally introduced, House Bill 365 sought to require one of the three owner-members of the Louisiana State Racing Commission to be from the Louisiana quarter horse industry. The bill in its final form, however, additionally requires a percentage of the net commission on wagers on historical horse races made at offtrack wagering facilities to be distributed to supplement live horse racing purses. The bill allocates the money proportionately based on the number of race days each association conducted in the preceding year, creating an inequitable distribution.

Sincerely,  
  
John Bel Edwards  
Governor

cc: Honorable Patrick Page Cortez  
Louisiana Senate President

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 365

BY REPRESENTATIVE FARNUM

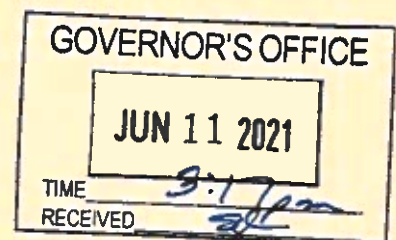
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Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 4:144(B)(2)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 4:217(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§144. Louisiana State Racing Commission; creation; membership; tenure; powers and duties; quorum; qualification of members; per diem; expenses and disbursements; bond; prohibited interest

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(b) Three members shall be owners of racehorses which participate in any race meeting licensed by the commission. One of the three owner-members shall be from the Louisiana quarter horse industry.

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1           §217. Purse supplements; designation and distribution

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3                       E. Notwithstanding, and in lieu of, any other provision of law, the monies  
 4                       designated for purses under the provisions of R.S. 4:216(E) from wagers placed at  
 5                       offtrack wagering facilities on historical horse races shall be distributed as follows:

6                       (1) Seventy percent of the monies shall be allocated and provided to the  
 7                       licensed racing associations in the state which conduct live horse racing on the basis  
 8                       of the proportion of the number of thoroughbred race days each association  
 9                       conducted for the preceding year bears to the total number of thoroughbred race days  
 10                      conducted statewide for the preceding year, and such funds shall be used solely to  
 11                      supplement purses in accordance with a schedule or formula established by the purse  
 12                      committee of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association on Louisiana-bred  
 13                      thoroughbred races.

14                      (2) Thirty percent of the monies shall be allocated and provided to the  
 15                      licensed racing associations in the state which conduct live quarter horse racing on  
 16                      the basis of the proportion of the number of quarter horse race days each association  
 17                      conducted for the preceding year bears to the total number of quarter horse race days  
 18                      conducted statewide for the preceding year, and such funds shall be used solely to  
 19                      supplement purses in accordance with a schedule or formula established by the purse  
 20                      committee of the Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders Association on Louisiana-bred  
 21                      quarter horse races.

22                      Section 2. The provisions of this Act enacting R.S. 4:217(E) shall supersede the  
 23                      provisions of the Act which originated as Senate Bill No. 209 of the 2021 Regular Session  
 24                      enacting R.S. 4:217(E).

25                      Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 26                      signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 27                      by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

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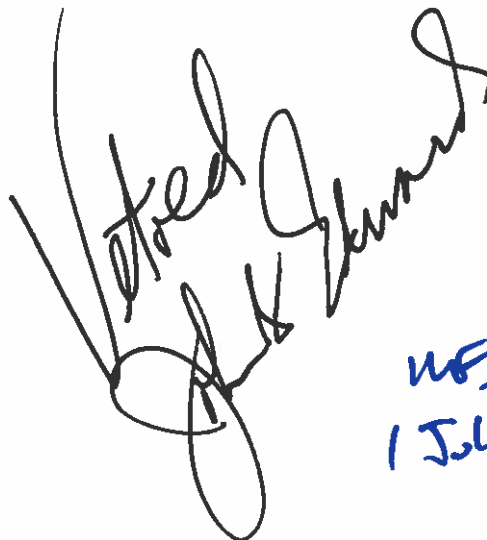
1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
2 effective on the day following such approval.

  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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