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A Bill to Establish an Alberta Racing Commission

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(Assented to _____, 1962)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Alberta Racing Commission Act*".

2. In this Act,

- (a) "Commission" means the Alberta Racing Commission;
- (b) "Minister" means the member of the Executive Council charged with the administration of this Act.

3. (1) There shall be a body corporate to be known as the "Alberta Racing Commission", which shall be composed of not less than three members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(2) The members of the Commission shall receive such remuneration as the Lieutenant Governor in Council may fix.

4. The object of the Commission is to govern, direct, control and regulate horse racing in the Province in any or all of its forms.

5. (1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall name one of the members to be the chairman and one of the members to be the vice-chairman.

(2) When the office of chairman is vacant or in the absence of the chairman, the vice-chairman shall act in his place and stead.

6. At any meeting of the Commission a majority of the members constitutes a quorum, and a majority of the members present at any meeting of the Commission determines any question.

7. Commission employees.

8. Commission expenses.

9. Powers of Commission.

7. Subject to *The Public Service Act*, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint such officers, clerks, and employees as may be required for the proper conduct of the business of the Commission.

8. The salaries and expenses of the members of the Commission and of the officers, clerks and other employees thereof, and generally all costs, charges and expenses incurred and payable in respect of the carrying out of this Act, shall be paid out of the moneys appropriated therefor by the Legislature.

9. The Commission has power

- (a) to govern, direct, control and regulate horse racing in Alberta in any or all of its forms,
- (b) to govern, control and regulate the operation of race tracks in Alberta at which any form of horse racing is carried on,
- (c) to hold hearings relating to the carrying out of its objects or powers, and to summon any person by subpoena signed by the chairman or by any other member of the Commission, and to require such person to give evidence on oath and to produce such documents and things as the Commission deems requisite in any such hearing,
- (d) to enforce the carrying out and observance of all regulations, rules and conditions established under this Act, by a fine or other penalty or otherwise,
- (e) to make by-laws for the conduct of its business and for the control and direction of its work,
- (f) to license persons to operate race tracks at which horse racing in any of its forms is carried on,
- (g) to license owners, trainers, drivers, jockeys, apprentice jockeys, grooms, jockey' agents, jockeys' valets, exercise boys, tradesmen and such other persons in or about race tracks at which horse racing in any of its forms is carried on, as the Commission deems expedient,
- (h) to fix and collect fees or other charges for licences, prescribe the form thereof and the conditions under which they may be issued,
- (i) to refuse to grant any licence or to suspend or revoke any licence for conduct that the Commission considers to be contrary to the public interest,
- (j) to require registration with the Commission of, and to register colours, assumed names, partnerships and contracts and such other matters and things as the Commission deems expedient,
- (k) to fix and collect fees or other charges for registration under clause (j) and to prescribe the form thereof and the conditions under which registration may be made,

10. Audit of Commission accounts.

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- (l) to make and promulgate rules for the conduct of horse racing in any of its forms,
- (m) to employ stewards, veterinarians, analysts and such other persons as the Commission deems expedient to attend at race meetings on behalf of the Commission.
- (n) to require approval by the Commission of the appointment of race track officials and employees whose duties relate to the actual running of horse races and to compel the discharge for cause of any such official or employee,
- (o) to fix, impose and collect fines and other penalties for a contravention of any requirement of the Commission under this Act,
- (p) to require persons licensed to operate race tracks to keep books of account in a manner satisfactory to the Commission, and to inspect such books at any time, and
- (q) to do such things relating to horse racing in any or all of its forms, or to the operation of race tracks at which horse racing is carried on, as are authorized or directed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

10. The accounts of the Commission shall be audited by the Provincial Auditor or by such other auditor as the Lieutenant Governor in Council appoints.

11. The Commission shall make a report annually to the Minister containing such information as the Minister requires.

12. (1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations with respect to any and all matters or things as are deemed necessary for the carrying out of this Act.

(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may by regulation exempt any person or any classes of persons from the operation of this Act.

13. All revenue of the Commission, including licence fees and penalties, shall be paid into and form part of the General Revenue Fund of the Province.

14. This Act comes into force on a day to be fixed by Proclamation.

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