

CHAPTER 134
FORMERLY
HOUSE BILL NO. 38

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE JOCKEYS HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFIT BOARD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend § 4815(b)(3)c., Title 29 of the Delaware Code by making insertions as shown by underlining and deletions as shown by strikethrough as follows:

c. Jockey health and other welfare benefits. -- For video lottery agents which are licensed only to conduct thoroughbred horse racing meetings under Chapter 101 of Title 3 or Chapter 4 of Title 28, such agents annually shall be paid and shall pay the sum of \$175,000 plus an additional \$175,000 (which shall be subtracted from the amount such agent is paid and shall pay as additional purses under paragraph (b)(3)b.1 of this section) for a total payment of \$350,000 annually, adjusted for inflation by the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission, which shall be payable to fund a Delaware Jockeys Health and Welfare Benefit Fund on July 20 of each year. The Fund shall be used to provide, for jockeys who regularly ride in Delaware, health and other welfare benefits for active, disabled and retired jockeys pursuant to reasonable criteria for benefit eligibility. The Jockeys Health and Welfare Benefit Fund shall be administered by a Board, known as the Jockeys Health and Welfare Benefit Board, comprised of 1 member of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission, 1 member from the licensed agent under Chapter 101 of Title 3 or Chapter 4 of Title 28, 1 member of the Delaware Horsemen's Association, and 1 representative from the organization that represents the majority of the jockeys who are licensed and ride regularly in Delaware, ~~and 2 jockeys who are licensed and ride regularly in Delaware~~ 1 jockey who is licensed and rides regularly in Delaware, and 1 retired Delaware jockey who is participating in the benefit program. The Chairman of the Commission shall serve as an ex officio member and vote on matters in the event of a tie vote on any issue. Members shall be appointed by the Commission and shall serve 2-year terms. In addition to providing funding for jockey health and other welfare benefits, the fund may expend reasonable expenses for administrative purposes.

Approved July 24, 2013