

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1738 - HB 2029

March 12, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Creates the State Horse Racing Advisory Committee for the purpose of regulating horse racing in Tennessee. The Committee will consist of seven members; will meet at least quarterly; and will be administratively attached to the Division of Regulatory Boards. Members of the Committee are entitled to an expense allowance (per diem) pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-1-106(b)(1), and travel expense reimbursement.

The Committee is required to develop recommendations for legislation for the establishment of horse racing in this state and may investigate, study, and report on any programs, initiatives, topics, or other matters as the Committee deems appropriate. The Committee is required to complete and file a comprehensive report that must include all recommendations for legislation prior to July 1, 2018. An effective date of July 1, 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$9,600/Division of Regulatory Boards

Other Fiscal Impact - As of June 30, 2015, the Division of Regulatory Boards had a cumulative reserve balance of \$23,525,220.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (011773): Deletes and replaces language in the original bill such that the substantive changes are as follows: (1) removes expense allowance (per diem) and travel expense reimbursement for members of the State Horse Racing Advisory Committee; and (2) establishes that the Committee and all related statutes will be eliminated on July 1, 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

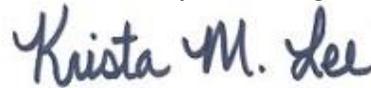
- This Committee will be placed under the Division of Regulatory Boards.

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- Members will receive no per diem or any reimbursement for expenses incurred while in the official business of the Committee.
- This legislation will have no significant fiscal impact on Division.
- This Committee will no longer exist upon July 1, 2018.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over any two-year period.
- This proposed legislation provides no means of collecting revenue to offset expenditures of the Committee; therefore, it is assumed that expenses of \$9,620 will be paid out of the reserve of the Division. As of June 30, 2015, the Division had a cumulative reserve balance of \$23,525,220.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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