



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 428**

LCO No. 1739

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Introduced by:  
(PS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE TAKEOUT RATE FOR DOG RACING EVENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 12-575 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (c) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, each  
5 licensee conducting horse racing events under the pari-mutuel system  
6 shall distribute all sums deposited in any pari-mutuel program to the  
7 holders of winning tickets therein, less seventeen per cent of the total  
8 deposits plus the breakage to the dime of the amount so retained; each  
9 licensee conducting jai alai events shall distribute all sums deposited in  
10 any pari-mutuel program to the holders of winning tickets therein, less  
11 a maximum of eighteen per cent of the deposits in the win, place or  
12 show pools and less a maximum of twenty-three per cent of the  
13 deposits in all other pools plus the breakage to the dime of the amount  
14 so retained; each licensee conducting dog racing events shall distribute  
15 all sums deposited in any pari-mutuel program to the holders of  
16 winning tickets therein, less a maximum of [eighteen] nineteen per

17 cent of the deposits in the win, place or show pools and less a  
18 maximum of [twenty-three] twenty-six per cent of the deposits in all  
19 other pools plus the breakage to the dime of the amount so retained,  
20 or, shall distribute all sums deposited in all of its pari-mutuel  
21 programs conducted on any day to the holders of winning tickets  
22 therein less twenty per cent of the total deposits plus the breakage to  
23 the dime of the amount so retained, provided on and after July 1, 1992,  
24 each licensee conducting dog racing events on July 5, 1991, shall  
25 allocate four per cent of all sums deposited in any pari-mutuel  
26 program to purses, one-quarter of one per cent to capital expenditures  
27 for alterations, additions, replacement changes, improvements or  
28 major repairs to or upon the property owned or leased by any such  
29 licensee and used for such racing events, and one-quarter of one per  
30 cent to promotional marketing, to reduce the costs of admission,  
31 programs, parking and concessions and to offer entertainment and  
32 giveaways. Each licensee conducting dog racing events shall, on an  
33 annual basis, submit to the division certified financial statements  
34 verifying the use of such allocations for purses, capital improvements  
35 and promotional marketing. (2) Each licensee conducting racing or jai  
36 alai events may carry over all or a portion of the sums deposited in any  
37 pari-mutuel program, less the amount retained as herein provided, in  
38 the twin trifecta, pick four or pick six pari-mutuel pool to another pool,  
39 including a pool in a succeeding performance.

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| This act shall take effect as follows: |                     |
| Section 1                              | <i>from passage</i> |

**Statement of Purpose:**

To increase the takeout rate for licensees conducting live dog racing events.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*