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Short Title: Horse Racing Study.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CREATE THE HORSE RACING STUDY COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Horse Racing Study Commission is created. The Commission shall consist of 12 members. Six Senators appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and six Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sec. 2. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate one Senator as cochairman and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one Representative as cochairman.

Sec. 3. The Commission shall study:

- (1) The economic and societal impact of horse racing in North Carolina;
- (2) The benefits to the agribusiness industry in North Carolina of the establishment of horse racing in this State;
- (3) The taxes and fees that would be collected, for the benefit of the State and local subdivisions of the State, as a result of horse racing;
- (4) The best method for regulating horse racing in this State; and
- (5) Other issues related to horse racing in North Carolina.

Sec. 4. The Commission may submit an interim report of its finding and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before the first day of the 1992 Session of the General Assembly and shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before the first day of the 1993 Session of the General Assembly by filing the report with the President Pro Tempore of

1 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Upon filing its final report,  
2 the Commission shall terminate.

3           Sec. 5. The Commission, while in the discharge of official duties, may  
4 exercise all the powers provided for under the provisions of G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-  
5 19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The Commission may meet at any time upon the joint call  
6 of the cochairmen. The Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the  
7 Legislative Office Building.

8           Sec. 6. Members of the Commission shall receive subsistence and travel  
9 expenses at the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1.

10           Sec. 7. The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant  
11 services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. The Legislative Services Commission, through  
12 the Legislative Administrative Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist in the  
13 work of the Commission. The House of Representatives' Supervisor of Clerks or the  
14 Senate's Supervisor of Clerks shall assign clerical staff to the Commission, upon the  
15 direction of the Legislative Services Commission. The expenses relating to clerical  
16 employees shall be borne by the Commission.

17           Sec. 8. When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Commission, the  
18 vacancy shall be filled by the same appointing officer who made the initial appointment.

19           Sec. 9. All State departments and agencies and all local governments and  
20 their subdivisions shall furnish the Commission with any information required by the  
21 Commission that is in their possession or available to them.

22           Sec. 10. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General  
23 Assembly the sum of \$100,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of \$100,000 for  
24 the 1992-93 fiscal year for the expenses of the Commission.

25           Sec. 11. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.