



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB2506

by Rep. Cynthia Soto

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

230 ILCS 5/31.1

from Ch. 8, par. 37-31.1

Amends the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975. Provides that, in addition to certain charitable contributions to non-profit organizations that provide medical and family, counseling, and similar services to persons who reside or work on the backstretch of Illinois racetracks, organization licensees shall provide funding for no less than one Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to be placed in the paddock of their racing facilities and no less than one AED to be placed in the barn area of their racing facilities. Requires that the AEDs be accessible at all times to industry workers. Provides that qualified charitable organizations receiving the charitable contributions shall provide annual AED training, in English and Spanish, to horsemen and racetrack personnel. Requires the Board to conduct periodic checks on the AEDs and notify organization licensees to replace or repair them as needed. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning gaming.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975 is amended
5 by changing Section 31.1 as follows:

6 (230 ILCS 5/31.1) (from Ch. 8, par. 37-31.1)

7 Sec. 31.1. (a) Organization licensees collectively shall
8 contribute annually to charity the sum of \$750,000 to
9 non-profit organizations that provide medical and family,
10 counseling, and similar services to persons who reside or work
11 on the backstretch of Illinois racetracks. These contributions
12 shall be collected as follows: (i) no later than July 1st of
13 each year the Board shall assess each organization licensee,
14 except those tracks which are not within 100 miles of each
15 other which tracks shall pay \$30,000 annually apiece into the
16 Board charity fund, that amount which equals \$690,000
17 multiplied by the amount of pari-mutuel wagering handled by the
18 organization licensee in the year preceding assessment and
19 divided by the total pari-mutuel wagering handled by all
20 Illinois organization licensees, except those tracks which are
21 not within 100 miles of each other, in the year preceding
22 assessment; (ii) notice of the assessed contribution shall be
23 mailed to each organization licensee; (iii) within thirty days

1 of its receipt of such notice, each organization licensee shall
2 remit the assessed contribution to the Board. If an
3 organization licensee wilfully fails to so remit the
4 contribution, the Board may revoke its license to conduct horse
5 racing.

6 (b) In addition to the moneys described in subsection (a)
7 of this Section, organization licensees shall provide funding
8 for no less than one Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to
9 be placed in the paddock of their racing facilities and no less
10 than one AED to be placed in the barn area of their racing
11 facilities. The AEDs shall be accessible at all times to
12 industry workers. Qualified charitable organizations receiving
13 moneys under this Section shall provide annual AED training, in
14 English and Spanish, to horsemen and racetrack personnel. The
15 Board shall conduct periodic checks on the AEDs and notify
16 organization licensees to replace or repair them as needed.

17 (c) ~~(b)~~ No later than October 1st of each year, any
18 qualified charitable organization seeking an allotment of
19 contributed funds shall submit to the Board an application for
20 those funds, using the Board's approved form. No later than
21 December 31st of each year, the Board shall distribute all such
22 amounts collected that year to such charitable organization
23 applicants.

24 (Source: P.A. 87-110.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
26 becoming law.