

HB3731



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

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Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Robert "Bob" Rita

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

230 ILCS 5/19.5

Amends the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975. Provides that before the effective date of the amendatory Act, the additional organization license, issued by the Illinois Racing Board for standardbred racing to a racetrack located in specified townships of Cook County, shall not be issued within a 35-mile radius of another organization license issued by the Board, unless the person having operating control of such racetrack has given written consent to the organization licensee application, which consent must be filed with the Board at or prior to the time application is made. Effective immediately.

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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
5 amended by changing Section 19.5 as follows:

6 (230 ILCS 5/19.5)

7 Sec. 19.5. Standardbred racetrack in Cook County.
8 Notwithstanding anything in this Act to the contrary, in
9 addition to organization licenses issued by the Board on
10 December 17, 2021 (the effective date of Public Act 102-689)
11 ~~this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly,~~ the Board
12 shall issue an organization license limited to standardbred
13 racing to a racetrack located in one of the following
14 townships of Cook County: Bloom, Bremen, Calumet, Orland,
15 Rich, Thornton, or Worth. Before the effective date of this
16 amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly, this ~~This~~
17 additional organization license shall not be issued within a
18 35-mile radius of another organization license issued by the
19 Board on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st
20 General Assembly, unless the person having operating control
21 of such racetrack has given written consent to the
22 organization licensee applicant, which consent must be filed
23 with the Board at or prior to the time application is made. The

1 organization license application shall be submitted to the
2 Board and the Board may grant the organization license at any
3 meeting of the Board. The Board shall examine the application
4 within 21 days after receipt of the application with respect
5 to its conformity with this Act and the rules adopted by the
6 Board. If the application does not comply with this Act or the
7 rules adopted by the Board, the application may be rejected
8 and an organization license refused to the applicant, or the
9 Board may, within 21 days after receipt of the application,
10 advise the applicant of the deficiencies of the application
11 under the Act or the rules of the Board and require the
12 submittal of an amended application within a reasonable time
13 determined by the Board; upon submittal of the amended
14 application by the applicant, the Board may consider the
15 application consistent with the process described in
16 subsection (e-5) of Section 20. If the application is found to
17 be in compliance with this Act and the rules of the Board, the
18 Board shall then issue an organization license to the
19 applicant. Once the organization license is granted, the
20 licensee shall have all of the current and future rights of
21 existing Illinois racetracks, including, but not limited to,
22 the ability to obtain an inter-track wagering license, the
23 ability to obtain inter-track wagering location licenses, the
24 ability to obtain an organization gaming license pursuant to
25 the Illinois Gambling Act with 1,200 gaming positions, and the
26 ability to offer Internet wagering on horse racing.

1 (Source: P.A. 101-31, eff. 6-28-19; 102-689, eff. 12-17-21.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.