

1 Introduced by  
2 Referred to Committee on  
3 Date:  
4 Subject: Executive; boards and commissions; Vermont Racing Commission;  
5 repeal  
6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to repeal the  
7 Racing Commission and transfer its duties to the Agency of Agriculture, Food  
8 and Markets.

9 An act relating to repealing the Racing Commission  
10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 31 V.S.A. chapter 13 is amended to read:

12 CHAPTER 13. HORSE RACING

13 § 601. CONSTRUCTION AND PURPOSE

14 This chapter is based upon the taxing power and the police power of the  
15 State and provides for the establishment, licensing, regulation, and control of  
16 the pari-mutuel system of wagering on horse races, and is for the protection of  
17 the public welfare and good order of the people of the State, the support and  
18 encouragement of agricultural fairs, and the improvement of the breeding of  
19 horses in Vermont.

1 § 602. RACING COMMISSION AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD  
2 AND MARKETS; REGULATION OF HORSE RACING

3 (a) ~~There is hereby created a Racing Commission consisting of three~~  
4 ~~persons. Upon passage of this chapter, the Governor shall appoint, with the~~  
5 ~~advice and consent of the Senate, three members of the Commission, not more~~  
6 ~~than two members of which shall belong to the same political party, and one~~  
7 ~~member to be an official of an agricultural fair, one to hold office until~~  
8 ~~February 1, 1961, one to hold office until February 1, 1963, and one to hold~~  
9 ~~office until February 1, 1965. The Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets~~  
10 ~~shall regulate horse racing as set forth in this chapter.~~

11 (b) ~~The Governor shall biennially, with the advice and consent of the~~  
12 ~~Senate, appoint a person as a member of the Commission for the term of six~~  
13 ~~years, commencing February 1 of the year in which the appointment is made.~~  
14 ~~The Governor biennially shall designate a member of the Commission to be its~~  
15 ~~chair.~~

16 (c) ~~Each member of the Commission shall receive \$15.00 a day and~~  
17 ~~expenses for time actually spent in the performance of the duties of his or her~~  
18 ~~office. No member of the Commission An Agency employee shall not:~~

19 (1) ~~have any pecuniary interest in any racing or in the sale of pari-~~  
20 ~~mutuel pools, nor shall any official employees, secretary, deputy, officer,~~  
21 ~~representative employee, or counsel~~

1           (2) participate in any pari-mutuel pool.

2           § 603. ~~ASSISTANTS AND EMPLOYEES, DUTIES~~ PROHIBITION ON  
3                           LEGISLATORS IN AGENCY EMPLOY

4           ~~The Commission may employ such assistants and employees as it may~~  
5           ~~consider necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter, fix their~~  
6           ~~compensation, and specify the duties to be performed by them. However, the~~  
7           ~~Commission~~ The Agency shall not appoint to any position under its  
8           ~~jurisdiction~~ employ any member of the General Assembly; to perform duties  
9           under this chapter while the General Assembly is in session.

10          § 604. ~~SEMIANNUAL MEETINGS~~

11          ~~The Racing Commission shall hold semiannual meetings upon 15 days<sup>2</sup>~~  
12          ~~notice in two newspapers which combined have a general circulation~~  
13          ~~throughout the State. The Commission may hold other meetings at such times~~  
14          ~~and places as it determines upon reasonable public notice. All meetings shall~~  
15          ~~be open to the public as provided in 1 V.S.A. sections 311-314. [Repealed.]~~

16          § 605. ~~RULES AND REGULATIONS~~

17          ~~The Commission~~ Agency shall make adopt rules for the holding,  
18          conducting, operating, and simulcasting of all running or harness horse or  
19          harness pony races or meets at which pari-mutuel pools are sold pursuant to the  
20          provisions of this chapter, and shall cause to be fingerprinted, under the  
21          direction of the Department of Public Safety, ~~any and~~ all persons working at or

1 in connection with the operation of ~~such~~ the horse races, or meets, including  
2 grooms, jockeys, and drivers.

3 § 605a. LICENSES; REGISTRATIONS

4 (a) The following applicable licenses and registrations shall be required by  
5 the ~~Commission~~ Agency from all persons participating in racing on the  
6 grounds of an association-;

7	(1) Owner, Harness	\$ 10.00
8	(2) Trainer-Driver, Harness	10.00
9	(3) Owner and Colors, Thoroughbred	6.00
10	(4) Colors (Annual)	1.00
11	(5) Colors (Life)	25.00
12	(6) Trainer, Thoroughbred	5.00
13	(7) Authorized Agent	5.00
14	(8) Trainer, Substitute	No Fee
15	(9) Partnership, Thoroughbred	5.00
16	(10) Stable Name	10.00
17	(11) Jockey	5.00
18	(12) Jockey Agent (Each Jockey)	5.00
19	(13) Jockey, Apprentice	5.00
20	(14) Jockey, Apprentice Contract	No Fee
21	(15) Stable Employees	5.00

1	(16) Valet, Blacksmith, Outrider, Vendor, Supplier, Track Services	10.00
2	(17) Veterinarian	10.00
3	(18) Officials - Association (Administrative, Supervisory, and	
4	Security); Concessionaire, Racing; Specialized	
5	Services and Staff	10.00
6	(19) Employees, Pari-Mutuel	5.00
7	(20) Employees, Association – Concession	5.00
8	(21) Substitute License	Fee as indicated
9	(22) Duplicate License	2.00

10 (b)(1) The fee shall be paid at the time of filing of the application.

11 (2) ~~No~~ An application for an occupational license shall not be accepted  
12 unless accompanied by ~~such~~ the necessary fee.

13 (3) An amateur is required to take out a certificate.

14 § 606. HEARINGS

15 (a) The ~~Commission~~ Agency may conduct hearings at which all matters  
16 pertaining to the administration of ~~the affairs of the Commission~~ this chapter  
17 and all activities conducted under ~~its jurisdiction~~ it may be investigated and  
18 determined. ~~By its chair, it~~ The Agency may issue subpoenas for the  
19 attendance of witnesses at its hearings. ~~Any member of the Commission~~  
20 Employees appointed by the Secretary of the Agency may administer oaths and  
21 affirmations and may examine witnesses.

1 (b) A person who disobeys a subpoena of the ~~Commission~~ Agency, gives  
2 false testimony to the Agency, or presents false evidence to the ~~Commission~~  
3 Agency shall be penalized according to law.

4 (c) The ~~Commission~~ Agency may investigate as to the ownership and  
5 control, direct or indirect, of any licensee. Any expense incurred by the  
6 Commission Agency in so investigating shall be at the expense of the licensee  
7 or applicant for a license.

8 § 607. LICENSES REQUIRED; SUNDAY RACING

9 (a) ~~No~~ A person, association, or corporation shall not conduct, hold, or  
10 operate any running or harness race or meet at which pari-mutuel pools are  
11 sold without license from the ~~Commission~~ Agency.

12 (b)(1) ~~No~~ A pari-mutuel running or harness race shall not be held on  
13 Sunday between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 1:00 p.m.

14 (2) The ~~Commission~~ Agency shall not issue a license for holding a race  
15 meet on Sunday in any town ~~until~~ unless the town has approved the issuance of  
16 said license by majority vote of those present and voting at a duly warned  
17 annual or special town meeting.

18 § 608. FAIR ASSOCIATIONS AND CORPORATIONS; APPLICATION;

19 BOND

20 (a) Fair associations or corporations that now conduct annual agricultural  
21 fairs in Vermont, or Vermont corporations that wish to conduct extended race

**Commented [BW1]:** Not standard for State agencies and departments. Perhaps revise to say that the Agency may inspect, and if necessary as determined by the Agency, may charge a reinspection fee?

**Commented [BW2]:** Q for CoJs on whether to repeal or amend this prohibition on Sunday morning racing.

1 meetings, with a percentage designated for the benefit of the Racing Special  
2 Fund established pursuant to section 630 of this ~~title~~ chapter, shall be eligible  
3 to apply for a license.

4 (b) An eligible association or corporation desiring to hold a running or  
5 harness horse race or meet for public exhibition at which pari-mutuel pools are  
6 to be sold, shall apply to the ~~Commission~~ Agency to do so.

7 (c) Every fair association or corporation conducting horse racing or meets  
8 at which pari-mutuel pools are to be sold under license from the ~~Commission~~  
9 Agency shall give a bond in a sum not to exceed \$75,000.00 as shall be  
10 determined by the ~~Commission~~ Agency, with good and sufficient surety or  
11 sureties, conditioned upon the faithful performance of its duties and obligations  
12 to the State of Vermont as prescribed by this chapter.

13 § 609. FORMS; FEES

14 (a) Applications for licenses shall be filed upon forms prescribed by the  
15 ~~Commission~~ Agency and shall be accompanied by the required license fee.

16 (b) The fee for ~~such~~ the license shall be \$20.00 for each period of six days  
17 or fraction thereof.

18 (c) The application shall be signed and sworn to by the person or the  
19 executive officer of the association or corporation and shall contain the  
20 following information:

- 21 (1) The full name and address of the person, association, or corporation.

**Commented [BW3]:** This amount dates back to 1959 (inflation-adjusted amount would be approx. \$660,000).  
Q for CoJs on whether amount and/or bond requirement should be amended.

1           (2) If an association, the names and residences of the members of the  
2 association.

3           (3) If a corporation, the name of the state under which it is incorporated  
4 with its principal place of business and the names and addresses of its directors  
5 and stockholders.

6           (4) The exact location where it is desired to conduct or hold races or  
7 race meets.

8           (5) Whether or not the racing plant is owned or leased, and if leased, the  
9 name and residence of the fee owner, or if a corporation, of ~~the~~ its directors  
10 and stockholders ~~thereof~~.

11           (6) A statement of the assets and liabilities of the person, association, or  
12 corporation making the application.

13           (7) ~~Such~~ Any other information as the ~~Commission~~ Agency may require  
14 but not limited in character or detail by subdivisions (1) through (6) of this  
15 ~~section~~ subsection.

16 § 610. ISSUANCE, CONTENTS; REVOCATION

17           (a)(1) If the ~~Commission~~ Agency is satisfied that all the provisions of this  
18 chapter and the rules prescribed have been and will be complied with by the  
19 applicant, it may issue a license that shall expire on December 31.



1           (2) The license shall set forth the name of the licensee, the place where  
2 the races or race meets are to be held, and the time and number of days during  
3 which racing may be conducted by the licensee. ~~It~~

4           (3) A license shall not be transferable or assignable.

5           (b)(1) The ~~Commission~~ Agency may revoke any license for good cause  
6 after reasonable notice and hearing.

7           (2) The license of any corporation shall automatically cease upon the  
8 change in ownership, legal or equitable, of 50 percent or more of the voting  
9 stock of the corporation, and the corporation shall not hold a running or  
10 harness horse race or meet for a public exhibition without a new license.

11           (c)(1) The ~~Commission~~ Agency may at any time for cause require the  
12 removal of any employee or official employed by a licensee.

13           (2) Failure to remove an employee or official when so required shall  
14 constitute cause for revoking the license of the employer.

15 § 611. PERMITTED USE OF CERTAIN PHARMACEUTICALS

16           Under rules adopted by the ~~Commission~~ Agency under section 605 of this  
17 ~~title chapter~~, the diuretic drug “lasix” and the anti-inflammatory drug  
18 “butazolidine” may be administered to horses competing in horse racing  
19 authorized and regulated under this chapter.

1     § 612. AUDITS OF TRACKS

2           The ~~Commission~~ Agency shall procure an audit report of the activities of  
3     each track for every calendar year by the 1st day of February following,  
4     prepared by a firm of certified public accountants ~~which that~~ is not employed  
5     by the licensee.

6     § 613. MINORS

7           ~~No~~ A minor, whether attending a race or employed on or about the fair  
8     grounds or track, shall not be permitted to participate in any pari-mutuel pools  
9     or be admitted to any pari-mutuel enclosure.

10    § 614. ~~PENALTY PENALTIES; PARI-MUTUEL DOG RACING~~

11           PROHIBITED

12           (a)(1) Any person, association, or corporation holding, conducting, or  
13     simulcasting a pari-mutuel horse race or aiding or abetting same, without a  
14     license from the ~~Commission~~ Agency, shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00  
15     or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

16           (2) Any person, association, or corporation violating any rules ~~or~~  
17     ~~regulations~~ of the ~~Commission~~ Agency shall be fined not more than \$500.00 or  
18     imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

19           (b)(1) ~~No~~ A person shall not hold, conduct, operate, or simulcast a pari-  
20     mutuel dog race for public exhibition.

1           (2) Any person violating this subsection shall be fined not more than  
2           \$1,000.00 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

3           § 615. PARI-MUTUEL POOLS

4           (a)(1) Within the enclosure of any race track where is held a race or race  
5           meet licensed and conducted under this chapter, and within the enclosure of  
6           any place wherein a licensee licensed under this chapter to hold and conduct  
7           races or race meets is authorized by the ~~Commission~~ Agency to simulcast races  
8           or race meets, but not elsewhere, the sale of pari-mutuel pools by the licensee  
9           is permitted and authorized under ~~such regulations as may be prescribed the~~  
10          rules adopted by the ~~Commission~~ Agency.

11          (2)(A) Commissions on the flat racing pool shall not exceed 18 percent  
12          of each dollar wagered except commissions on the flat racing pool from racing  
13          conducted on Sundays shall not exceed 19 percent of each dollar wagered.

14          (B)(i) Except for State agricultural fair associations, commissions on  
15          the harness racing pools shall not exceed 19 percent of each dollar wagered  
16          except commissions on the harness racing pools from racing conducted on  
17          Sundays shall not exceed 20 percent of each dollar wagered and commissions  
18          on each harness racing trifecta pool shall not exceed 25 percent.

19          (ii) For State agricultural fair associations, commissions on the  
20          harness racing pools shall not exceed 20 percent of each dollar wagered on

1 win, place, and show wagering and commissions on all other forms of  
2 wagering shall not exceed 25 percent.

3 (C) Commissions on the simulcast racing pools shall not exceed 20  
4 percent of each dollar wagered on win, place, and show wagering and shall not  
5 exceed 25 percent of each dollar wagered on all other forms of wagering from  
6 racing or simulcasting conducted on all days.

7 (b) The odd cents of all redistribution to be based on each dollar wagered  
8 exceeding a sum equal to the next lowest multiple of 10, known as “breakage,”  
9 shall be paid from all flat, harness, and simulcast racing to the licensee.

10 (c) From the pari-mutuel pool, the ~~Racing Commission established~~  
11 ~~pursuant to section 602 of this title~~ Agency shall receive the applicable  
12 percentage as set forth in this subsection and the licensee shall retain the  
13 balance of the pari-mutuel pool commission.

14 (1) From harness racing, on the total wagered each race day conducted  
15 Monday through Saturday:

- 16 3% on the first \$150,000.00 plus
- 17 4% on the amount \$150,000.00-\$200,000.00 plus
- 18 5% on the amount \$200,000.00-\$250,000.00 plus
- 19 6% on the amount \$250,000.00-\$300,000.00 plus
- 20 7% on the amount \$300,000.00-\$350,000.00 plus
- 21 8% on all over \$350,000.00

**Commented [BW4]:** Q for CoJs: Do amounts work as is, or should 4% be “\$150,000.01”, etc.?  
Same question in subdivs. (2) and (3).

1           (2)(A) From flat racing, five and one-half percent on the total wagered  
2 each race day conducted Monday through Saturday.

3           (B) From simulcast racing, on the total wagered each race day:

4           2% on the first \$50,000.00 plus

5           2.5% on the amount \$50,000.00-\$100,000.00 plus

6           3% on the amount \$100,000.00-\$150,000.00 plus

7           4% on the amount \$150,000.00-\$200,000.00 plus

8           5% on the amount \$200,000.00-\$250,000.00 plus

9           6% on the amount \$250,000.00-\$300,000.00 plus

10          7% on the amount \$300,000.00-\$350,000.00 plus

11          8% on all over \$350,000.00

12          (3) From harness racing, on the total wagered each race day conducted  
13 on Sunday:

14          4% on the first \$150,000.00 plus

15          5% on the amount \$150,000.00-\$200,000.00 plus

16          6% on the amount \$200,000.00-\$250,000.00 plus

17          7% on the amount \$250,000.00-\$300,000.00 plus

18          8% on the amount over \$300,000.00

19          (4)(A) From flat racing, six and one-half percent on the total wagered  
20 each race day conducted on Sunday.

1           (B) From simulcast racing, in addition to the percentages of the total  
2 wagered as provided ~~above~~ in subdivision (A) of this subdivision (4), five  
3 percent on the total wagered on all days on all forms of wagering other than  
4 win, place, and show wagering ~~on and after May 30, 1986.~~

**Commented [BW5]:** This was 5% in 1986, and that percentage remained unchanged until it was apparently inadvertently deleted in the act that banned greyhound racing (1995, No. 12, Sec. 8).

5           (5)(A) During any calendar year, the number of programs ~~which~~ that the  
6 licensee is licensed by the ~~Commission~~ Agency to conduct shall determine the  
7 amount of the payments to be made under this section to the ~~Racing~~  
8 ~~Commission established pursuant to section 602 of this title~~ Agency.

9           (B) If, in any year, the licensee fails to conduct the full number of  
10 licensed programs, any payment shortage shall be reimbursed immediately as  
11 due.

12           (C) The ~~Commission~~ Agency has the duty and authority to make  
13 prompt orders, as necessary, to ~~assure~~ ensure reimbursement.

14           (6) The funds received by the ~~Racing Commission~~ Agency shall be  
15 managed pursuant to section 630 of this ~~title~~ chapter ~~and shall be available to~~  
16 ~~the Racing Commission to offset the costs of providing its services.~~

**Commented [BW6]:** Deleting language that duplicates § 630.

17           (d) [Repealed.]

18           § 616. PAYMENT

19           Payment under section 615 of this ~~title~~ chapter shall be made to the  
20 ~~Commission~~ Agency not later than seven days after each race and shall be  
21 accompanied by a report under oath showing the total of all the contributions

1 to pari-mutuel pools covered by the report and ~~such any~~ other information as  
2 the ~~Commission~~ Agency may require.

3 § 617. REPEALED.

4 § 618. UNCLAIMED TICKET MONEY; DUTIES OF STATE TREASURER

5 (a) On or before the first Monday in December of each year every person,  
6 association, or corporation conducting or simulcasting a race or race meet  
7 ~~hereunder~~ under this chapter shall pay to the State Treasurer all monies  
8 collected during the year for pari-mutuel tickets ~~which that~~ have not been  
9 redeemed.

10 (b) The State Treasurer shall retain the monies ~~shall be retained by the~~  
11 ~~State Treasurer~~ and ~~he or she~~ shall pay the amount due on any ticket to the  
12 holder thereof upon an order from the ~~Commission~~ Agency. After the  
13 expiration of two years, any such monies still in the custody of the State  
14 Treasurer shall become a part of the Racing Special Fund of the State.

15 § 619. PARI-MUTUEL EMPLOYEES

16 All pari-mutuel concessions shall employ at least 85 percent Vermont  
17 residents unless special permission is granted by the ~~Commission~~ Agency, but  
18 in no event shall they employ persons who at the time of employment are duly  
19 elected members of the Vermont General Assembly.

1 § 620. POLICE PROTECTION

2 (a)(1) Every licensee shall maintain adequate police protection as may be  
3 determined by or as may be assigned to the licensee from the Vermont State  
4 Police by the Commissioner of Public Safety ~~of the State of Vermont~~, within  
5 the grounds or pari-mutuel enclosure and public highways adjacent to the  
6 location of ~~such~~ the track.

7 (2) Expenses for ~~such~~ the designated police protection shall be borne by  
8 the licensee.

9 (b) The Department of Public Safety shall have authority to expend its own  
10 funds for the purpose of paying Vermont State Police to maintain ~~the aforesaid~~  
11 that adequate police protection, but any funds expended by the Department of  
12 ~~Public Safety~~ for the assignment and use of Vermont State Police ~~to maintain~~  
13 ~~adequate police protection~~ for that purpose shall be reimbursed to the  
14 Department by the licensee.

15 (c) Charges collected under this section shall be credited to a special fund  
16 and shall be available to the Department of Public Safety to offset the cost of  
17 providing the services.

18 § 621. BREEDING OF HORSES; AGENCY AUTHORITY

19 The ~~Commission~~ Agency shall encourage and promote the improvement of  
20 the breeding of horses in Vermont. It may accept donations of thoroughbred,  
21 standard-bred, or other well-bred stallions by licensees or others to the State



1 for this purpose. ~~It, and~~ may cooperate with the University of Vermont in  
2 furthering this program.

3 § 621a. REPEALED.

4 § 622. TOWN VOTE; APPROVAL, REVOCATION

5 (a) A license shall not be issued by the ~~Commission~~ Agency under this  
6 chapter for holding a race meet in any town until the town, at an annual or  
7 special meeting called for the purpose, has, by majority vote of those present  
8 and voting, approved the issuance of licenses under this chapter in the town.

9 (b) Upon petition by 25 percent of the voters of a town in which racing is  
10 or may be conducted under license of the ~~Commission~~ Agency, alleging cause  
11 for suspension of a license, the ~~Commission~~ Agency may suspend the license  
12 for the holding of races or meets pending hearing on the petition. If upon  
13 hearing it finds cause exists, it shall suspend the license for a period not to  
14 exceed one year.

15 § 623. RACING DATES

16 The ~~Racing Commission~~ Agency shall be responsible for all racing dates  
17 ~~but shall not assign dates for race meets at which pari-mutuel wagering is~~  
18 ~~conducted at the same time as an agricultural fair at which horse racing was~~  
19 ~~conducted during at least three years of the last 10 years immediately before~~  
20 ~~the passage of No. 259 of the Acts of 1959 if the agricultural fair is located~~  
21 ~~within 50 miles of the race track at which pari-mutuel racing is to be~~

1 ~~conducted, unless the Commission finds there is no conflict between that race~~  
2 ~~track and the agricultural fair.~~

**Commented [BW7]:** Last amended in 1961, this statute appears to be an outdated reference to a transition from horse racing prior to the enactment of this chapter.

3 § 624. RACE OFFICIALS

4 There shall be at least one ~~representative and such other assistants or~~  
5 ~~employees~~ employee of the ~~Commission~~ Agency, as the ~~Commission~~ Agency  
6 shall determine, present to supervise each running or harness horse race or  
7 meet conducted under this chapter.

8 § 625. DEVICES REQUIRED

9 Every licensee conducting horse racing under this chapter shall use for each  
10 race ~~such devices as the Commission may designate to be used to determine~~  
11 Agency has designated for use in determining the respective positions of the  
12 first three contestants finishing.

13 § 626. OPERATING FEES PAID TO TOWN

14 (a) A licensee for pari-mutuel racing other than an agricultural fair shall  
15 pay a fee of \$200.00 for each day of racing or simulcasting; an agricultural fair  
16 shall pay \$20.00 for each day of pari-mutuel racing.

17 (b) The fee shall be paid by the licensee to the town treasurer of the town  
18 where the race or simulcast is conducted within seven days after the date on  
19 which the race or simulcast was held.

1 § 627. DEFICITS; ASSESSMENTS

2 (a) Annually as of June 30, if, after comparing all Agency racing  
3 ~~Commission~~ expenditures to the total of fees paid to the ~~Commission~~ Agency  
4 under sections 615 and 618 of this ~~title~~ chapter, there remains a deficit, then  
5 the ~~Commission~~ Agency shall, on or before August 14 next, assess all  
6 licensees under section 610 of this ~~title~~ chapter, except agricultural fair  
7 licensees, an amount sufficient to cover the deficiency. These assessments  
8 shall be on an equitable and practicable basis adopted by the ~~Commission~~  
9 Agency by rule.

10 (b) If any ~~such~~ licensee ~~shall fail~~ fails to remit payment for the expense  
11 apportionment billed by the ~~Commission~~ Agency, its license may be revoked  
12 or suspended for a period of not less than one year.

13 (c) In addition to the authority granted in subsection (b) of this section, the  
14 ~~Commission~~ Agency shall have the same authority to collect assessments  
15 levied under this section as granted to the Commissioner of Taxes to enforce  
16 and collect the tax on income under 32 V.S.A. chapter 151.

17 § 628. REPEALED.

18 § 629. REPEALED.

19 § 630. DISPOSITION OF REVENUES

20 All fees, fines, unredeemed ticket funds, and other revenues collected under  
21 sections 601 through 627 of this title, except section 620, paid to the Agency

1 under this chapter shall be credited to the Vermont Racing Special Fund,  
2 established and managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and  
3 shall be available to the ~~Racing Commission~~ Agency to offset the cost of  
4 providing its services under this chapter.

**Commented [BW8]:** Meant to be non-substantive clean-up. Please review.

5 Sec. 2. TRANSITIONAL PROVISION; TRANSFER OF RULES

6 On the effective date of this act, the rules of the Racing Commission shall  
7 constitute the rules of the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the  
8 regulation of horse racing.

9 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.