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**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman CLINTON CALABRESE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Reallocates standardbred horse racing purse subsidies from Freehold Raceway to Meadowlands Racetrack under certain circumstances.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on December 16, 2024, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning standardbred horse racing purse subsidies and  
2 amending P.L.2019, c.36.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.2019, c.36 (C.5:5-99.1) is amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 1. There shall be appropriated out of the General Fund of the  
10 State in the current fiscal year 2019 and in each of the ten fiscal  
11 years thereafter \$20,000,000 annually to the New Jersey Racing  
12 Commission to be used for horse racing purse subsidies. These  
13 amounts shall be allocated by the New Jersey Racing Commission  
14 equally between the thoroughbred industry and the standardbred  
15 industry. Of the funds allocated to the thoroughbred industry, 100  
16 percent shall be allocated to Monmouth Park overnight purses. Of  
17 the funds allocated to the standardbred industry, 60 percent shall be  
18 allocated to Meadowlands overnight purses; 16 percent to Freehold  
19 overnight purses; 12 percent to the New Jersey Sire Stakes purses; 6  
20 percent to purse bonuses for New Jersey sired horses; and 6 percent  
21 for breeders awards purses; except that, in the event that live racing  
22 programs cease to be conducted by the permit holder at Freehold  
23 Raceway, the New Jersey Horse Racing Commission shall  
24 reallocate to Meadowlands overnight purses any and all funds  
25 allocated to Freehold overnight purses pursuant to this section until  
26 such time as a permit holder resumes live racing programs at  
27 Freehold Raceway.<sup>1</sup> Any funds reallocated from Freehold overnight  
28 purses to Meadowlands overnight purses pursuant to this section  
29 shall be used for the sole purpose of conducting not less than 35  
30 standardbred race dates at the Meadowlands Racetrack that  
31 otherwise would have been conducted at Freehold Raceway. The  
32 minimum of 35 standardbred race dates as herein provided may be  
33 decreased upon agreement and written consent from the  
34 Standardbred Breeders' and Owners' Association of New Jersey,  
35 notwithstanding the requirements of section 30 of P.L.2001, c.199  
36 (C.5:5-156).<sup>1</sup>

37 (cf: P.L.2024, c.76, s.1)

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39 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted December 16, 2024.