Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

• Requires the Ohio Casino Control Commission and a permit holder who conducts horse racing to proportion certain payments each makes to townships and municipal corporations in which a horse-racing track is located.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Payment to township or municipal corporation in which horse-racing track is located

The bill modifies the framework for the payment of \$500,000 to a township or municipal corporation in which a horse-racing track's real property is located. Current law requires the Ohio Casino Control Commission and a race track permit holder¹ each to pay \$250,000 (totaling \$500,000) to the township or municipal corporation in which more than 50% of the real property of a horse-racing track is located; this does not apply in a county with a population between 1,100,000 and 1,200,000 in the most recent federal decennial census.² Under the bill, if a track is located in three or more townships or municipal corporations, the \$250,000 payments must be paid to every township or municipal corporation in which the track is located, in proportion to the track's real property acreage in the township or municipal corporation.³ Currently, when a race

¹ A "permit holder" is a person who has been authorized by the State Racing Commission to conduct one or more horse-racing meetings under Chapter 3769. of the Revised Code. Section 7 of H.B. 386 of the 129th General Assembly.

² Section 233.10 of H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly; Section 9 of H.B. 386 of the 129th General Assembly, as subsequently amended.

³ Sections 1 and 3 of the bill.

track is located in three or more townships or municipal corporations, the township or municipal corporation in which more than 50% of the track's real property is located receives the entire \$500,000.

Timing of payments

Under continuing law, the Ohio Casino Control Commission is required to make two payments of \$250,000: the first in FY 2016 not later than December 31, 2015, and the second in FY 2017 not later than December 31, 2016. Similarly, a permit holder is required to make two payments of \$250,000: the first not later than December 31, 2015, and the second not later than December 31, 2016. The bill applies only to the second payment each is required to make not later than December 31, 2016. As required, the Commission made its FY 2016 payments during 2015.

HISTORY

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