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TO: Occupational License Review

Ohio House State and Local Government Committee
State Representative Marilyn S. John, Chair
135th General Assembly

FROM: Ohio State Racing Commission
Christopher Dragone, Executive Director

DATE: December 4, 2023

RE: Occupational License Review report

Ohio Revised code 3769.03 OSRC can "...issue, deny, suspend or revoke licenses to those persons engaged in racing and to those employees of permit holders as is in the best interest of maintaining proper control over horse-racing meetings."

- ❖ The Ohio State Racing Commission requires all persons that require access to the racing (restricted) areas of the track to be licensed. Anyone, regardless of position, would be able to affect the outcome of the race because they have access to the horses. This protects the integrity of the sport. This enables us to understand who is in the racing areas, limiting access to those who have a job, or reason to be there. Without requiring licensing of all persons who have access to a restricted area, there is no jurisdiction.
- ❖ License fees have not changed since 2009.
- ❖ Most of the positions that require no previous knowledge to be employed are in the \$10-\$15 range and are typically paid for by the permit holder or employer.

Maintenance- Suggested Elimination. A maintenance license on the Racetrack is typically a person who works in the paddock area or barn area, either cleaning stalls, fixing stalls, facilities maintenance. With drug testing being done on the horses and the maintenance workers proximity to the horses, licensing is imperative. This license is only required if working in a restricted part of the track.

Medical & First Aid – Suggested Reduce initial and renewal fees to \$10.- We are fine with this.

Parking Lot Employee- Suggested Elimination. - We are fine with this

Security- Suggested Elimination. A Security person on the racetrack walks through the barn area, participates in searches with racing commission Investigators, and is in close proximity to the horses. Licensing is imperative. This license is only required if working in a restricted area of the track.

Special A (professional) -Suggested elimination- This license is used to alleviate financial stress on those who carry multiple jobs on the racetrack, typically those employed by the permit holder. It also fills as a catch all if an untitled position is created by the permit holder or as racing dictates.

Special B (technical)- Suggested Elimination. See above.

Special C (clerical/miscellaneous)-Suggested Elimination. We are fine with this.



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Supply Sales (Owner) -Suggested Reduce initial and renewal fees to \$75.00. We would be ok eliminating this and if the owner needs access to the restricted area we would license them as a salesperson.

Supply Salesman- Suggested Elimination- These are traditionally the feed people and tack stores employees. These are normally the same people in and out of multiple tracks. They work in close proximity to the horses, and in restricted areas.

Valet- Suggested Elimination- Valets can affect the conduct or outcome of horse racing. They work with the jockey and clerk of scales to add or subtract weight from what the rider is required to carry as listed in the official program. They maintain the jockey's tack as well as saddling the horse before the race. The condition of the tack is critical to the safety of the jockey(s) as a break in the tack could be fatal.

Restricted License- Special D (Miscellaneous) – Suggested Elimination. We are fine with this.

Admission Employee- Suggested Reduce initial and renewal fees to \$10.00. We can Eliminate this.

Chief of Security- Reduce initial and renewal fees to \$25.00. We would like to eliminate this and just issue a security license.

Concession employees- Suggested Elimination. This license is needed as most tracks include a restricted area kitchen. All persons in the restricted area need to be licensed. This license fee is typically paid by the permit holder.

Concession Manager- Suggested Elimination. We are fine with this. If they will be entering the restricted area, they can be licensed as a concession employee.

Doctor-Suggested reduce initial and renewal fees to \$25.00. Can be eliminated and issued a first aid license if needed.

General Manager- Suggested Reduce initial and renewal fees to \$75.00. ~~Would like to stay at \$100 this is normally the general manager over racing-~~ We would like to reduce to \$50.00 to be consistent with other license prices.

In addition to the recommendations above we would like to suggest:

Owner's reciprocal Validation- Eliminate

Patrol Judge – Eliminate

Porter- Eliminate

Telephone operator – Eliminate.

Clerical- Eliminate

Assistant starter- Eliminate.

Mutuel Manager- Eliminate

We would also like to Eliminate all Restricted licenses and combine into a generic fair license.



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- ❖ In making these changes we have eliminated 22 licenses and reduced the cost of medical and first aid.
- ❖ We believe the fees associated with the remaining licenses are nominal and would not prevent someone from entering the workforce.