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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Vigil; Coram **Bill Status:** House Agriculture
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BILL TOPIC: SUNSET DIVISION RACING EVENTS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018	
This bill continues a program that would otherwise end July 1, 2016, so the fiscal note shows continuing fiscal impacts.	New	New	Continuation
State Revenue		\$1.44 million	
Cash Funds			1.44 million
State Expenditures		\$1.44 million	
Cash Funds			1.44 million
TABOR Impact		\$1.44 million	
FTE Position Change			7.7 FTE
Appropriation Required: None.			
Future Year Impacts: Program costs continue through FY 2023-24.			

Summary of Legislation

The bill continues the Division of Racing Events and the Colorado Racing Commission within the Department of Revenue (DOR) from July 1, 2016, until September 1, 2023.

Background

The commission regulates horse and greyhound racing where parimutuel betting occurs by licensing facilities and employees, and promulgating rules. The division is charged with supervising the conduct of racing in Colorado, issuing business and occupational licenses on behalf of the commission, advising the commission, and enforcing the laws governing racing. A board of stewards, made up of two stewards employed by the division and one steward employed by the racetrack, assists with supervising the conduct of every race meet.

In 2014, the commission granted one race meet license of 39 days, and the division granted 55 business licenses and 1,861 occupational licenses and registrations. Also that year, the commission and the stewards issued a total of 55 disciplinary actions against individuals, including fines, suspensions, a denial, and a revocation.

Fiscal Impact of Programs Set to Expire

This bill continues a program in DOR that is set to repeal effective July 1, 2016. Under current law, state agencies may be appropriated funds to wind up the affairs of an expiring program for 12 months following the repeal date. To account for the wind-up period, the impact of extending the program beyond the current repeal date is shown as beginning in FY 2017-18, one year after the repeal date. There is no need for an appropriation of the program's base funding in FY 2016-17, since the program's authorization has not yet expired and ongoing funding for the program is included in the department's base budget request for the year.

The state revenue and state expenditures impact for FY 2017-18 reflects the program's anticipated expenditures for that year. Based on prior year spending data from DOR, continuation costs are expected to be approximately \$1.44 million and 7.7 FTE in FY 2017-18. Current fee revenue to the program of approximately \$1.44 million will also continue under the bill.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

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