

TEXAS RACING COMMISSION

Issue 1

The Texas Department of Agriculture Could Regulate Pari-Mutuel Racing More Efficiently and Effectively Than the Texas Racing Commission.

Change in Statute

Rec. 1.1, Adopted as Modified

Transfer the Texas Racing Commission to the Comptroller of Public Accounts as a semi-independent board and maintain the Texas Racing Commission with the current board and the authority to regulate pari-mutuel racing in the state of Texas.

Issue 2

The Texas Racing Commission Does Not Effectively Administer Its Horse Industry Grant Program.

Change in Statute

Rec. 2.1, Adopted as Modified

Transfer administration of the Horse Industry Escrow Account to the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Management Action

Rec. 2.2, Adopted as Modified

Direct the Comptroller of Public Accounts to develop and publish guidelines for evaluating grant applications.

Rec. 2.3, Adopted as Modified

Direct the Comptroller of Public Accounts to develop processes for monitoring grant recipients and tracking performance measures.

Rec. 2.4, Adopted as Modified

Direct the Comptroller of Public Accounts to develop and implement a consistent timeline for grant applications.

Issue 3

Key Elements of the Texas Racing Commission's Statute and Rules Do Not Conform to Common Licensing Standards.

Change in Statute

Rec. 3.1, Adopted

Clearly define the categories of licenses requiring a fingerprint-based criminal background check.

Rec. 3.2, Adopted

Remove the requirement for licensees to resubmit fingerprints every 36 months.

Rec. 3.3, Adopted

Remove subjective licensure requirements from statute.

Rec. 3.4, Adopted

Require administrative penalty revenue be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

Management Action

Rec. 3.5, Adopted

Direct the commission to establish and consistently apply policies for testing certain licensure applicants.

Rec. 3.6, Adopted

Direct the commission to remove potential barriers to licensing in its examination process.

Rec. 3.7, Adopted

Direct the commission to establish policies for uniform use of its reciprocity authority.

Rec. 3.8, Adopted

Direct the commission to adopt policies to improve racetrack inspections.

Issue 4

The Texas Racing Commission's Statute Does Not Reflect Some Standard Elements of Sunset Reviews.

Change in Statute

Rec. 4.1, Adopted

Update the standard across-the-board requirement related to public membership on the commission.

Rec. 4.2, Adopted

Update the standard across-the-board requirement related to commission member training.

Rec. 4.3, Adopted

Update statute to reflect the requirements of the person-first respectful language initiative.