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3 4	(By Delegates Doyle, Ferns, Guthrie, Morgan, Storch and Swartzmiller)
5	(By Request of the Racing Commission)
6	[Introduced February 2, 2011; referred to the
7	Committee on the Judiciary.]
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10	A BILL to amend and reenact $\$19-23-8$ of the Code of West Virginia,
11	1931, as amended, relating to changing the renewal of Racing
12	Commission-issued occupational permits from December 31 of
13	each year to a schedule determined according to the
14	applicant's date of birth.
15	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
16	That §19-23-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
17	be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
18	ARTICLE 19. HORSE AND DOG RACING.
19	\$19-23-8. Consideration of application for license or permit;
20	issuance or denial; contents of license or permit;
21	grounds for denial of application; determination of
22	racing dates; license or permit not transferable or
23	assignable; limitation on license; validity of
24	permit.
25	(a) The Racing Commission shall promptly consider any

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1 application for a license or permit, as the case may be. Based upon 2 such application and all other information before it, the Racing 3 Commission shall make and enter an order either approving or 4 denying the application. The application may be denied for any 5 reason specified in subsection (b) of this section. If an 6 application for a license is approved, the Racing Commission shall 7 issue a license to conduct a horse or dog race meeting and shall 8 designate on the face of the license the kind or type of horse or 9 dog racing for which the same is issued, the racing association to 10 which the same is issued, the dates upon which the horse or dog 11 race meeting is to be held or conducted (which may be any weekdays, 12 or week-nights, including Sundays), the location of the horse or 13 dog racetrack, place or enclosure where the horse or dog race 14 meeting is to be held or conducted and other information as the 15 Racing Commission shall consider proper. If an application for a 16 permit is approved, the Racing Commission shall issue a permit and 17 shall designate on the face of the permit such information as the 18 Racing Commission shall consider considers proper.

(b) The Racing Commission may deny the application and refuse to issue the license or permit, as the case may be, which denial and refusal shall be is final and conclusive unless a hearing is demanded in accordance with the provisions of section sixteen of this article, if the Racing Commission finds that the applicant individually, if an individual, or the partners or members, if a partnership, firm or association, or the owners and directors, if

1 a corporation:

2 (1) Has knowingly made false statement of a material fact in
3 the application or has knowingly failed to disclose any information
4 called for in the application;

5 (2) Is or has been guilty of any corrupt or fraudulent act, 6 practice or conduct in connection with any <u>a</u> horse or dog race 7 meeting in this or any other state;

8 (3) Has been convicted, within ten years prior to the date of 9 the application, of an offense which under the law of this state, 10 of any other state or of the United States of America, shall 11 constitute a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude;

12 (4) Has failed to comply with the provisions of this article13 or any reasonable rules of the Racing Commission;

14 (5) Has had a license to hold or conduct a horse or dog race 15 meeting or a permit to participate therein denied for just cause, 16 suspended or revoked in any other state;

17 (6) Has defaulted in the payment of any obligation or debt due18 to this state under the provisions of this article;

19 (7) Is, if a corporation, neither incorporated under the laws20 of this state nor qualified to do business within this state;

(8) In the case of an application for a license, has failed to furnish bond or other adequate security, if the same is required by the Racing Commission under the provisions of section seven of this article;

25 (9) In the case of an application for a permit, is unqualified

1 to perform the duties required for the permit sought; or

2 (10) In the case of an application for a permit, is, for just 3 cause, determined to be undesirable to perform the duties required 4 of the applicant.

5 (c) In issuing licenses and fixing dates for horse or dog 6 race meetings at the various horse racetracks and dog racetracks in 7 this state, the Racing Commission shall consider the horse racing 8 circuits and dog racing circuits with which the horse racetracks 9 and dog racetracks in this state are associated or contiguous to 10 and shall also consider dates which are calculated to increase the 11 tax revenues accruing from horse racing and dog racing.

(d) A license issued under the provisions of this article is neither transferable nor assignable to any other racing association and may not permit the holding or conducting of a horse or dog race meeting at any horse or dog racetrack, place or enclosure not specified thereon. However, if the specified horse or dog racetrack, place or enclosure becomes unsuitable for the horse or dog race meeting because of flood, fire or other catastrophe, or cannot be used for any reason, the Racing Commission may, upon application, authorize the horse or dog race meeting, or any remaining portion thereof, to be conducted at any other racetrack, place or enclosure available for that purpose, provided that the owner of the racetrack, place or enclosure willingly consents to the use. thereof.

25 (e) No type of horse racing or dog racing shall be conducted

1 by a licensee at any race meeting other than that type for which a
2 license was issued.

3 (f) Each permit issued under the provisions of this section 4 shall be for the period ending the thirty-first day of December of 5 the year for which it was issued a period of one year, unless 6 approved otherwise by the Commission. Effective January 1, 2012, 7 each permit shall be renewed according to the following schedule: 8 Permits issued to persons whose date of birth is January 1 through 9 and including April 30 shall be renewed no later than April 30 of 10 each year; permits issued to persons whose date of birth is May 1 11 through and including August 31 shall be renewed no later than 12 August 31 of each year; and permits issued to persons whose date of 13 birth is September 1 through and including December 31 shall be 14 renewed no later than December 31 of each year. and Each permit 15 shall be valid at all horse or dog race meetings during the period 16 for which it was issued unless it be sooner suspended or revoked in 17 accordance with the provisions of this article. A permit issued 18 under the provisions of this article is neither transferable nor 19 assignable to any other person.

(g) The Racing Commission shall propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code which establish the criteria for the approval or denial of a license or permit.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to stagger the renewal dates of permits issued by the Racing Commission so that these expire on the birth date of the permittee.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.