

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 34

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO DOG RACING; AMENDING SECTION 54-2514A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION TO APPLICABILITY.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-2514A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-2514A. DOG RACING ILLEGAL AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT. On and after the effective date of this act, live dog races and pari-mutuel betting on such races or the training of dogs to compete in live dog races shall be illegal in the state of Idaho. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the provisions of this section shall not be deemed to alter or affect simulcasts and simulcast pari-mutuel wagering at a facility that was licensed and authorized prior to January 1, 1996, to conduct live dog races and pari-mutuel wagering on them prior to the effective date of this act, and horse and dog race simulcasts and pari-mutuel wagering on such simulcasts may be conducted at that facility, or at an alternate facility in the same county and approved by the commission as if the facility were still licensed and under the same conditions and restrictions imposed by law on a licensee. Under no circumstances shall the provisions of this section or section 54-2512, Idaho Code, be used to grant more than one (1) license to conduct simulcast pari-mutuel wagering in any county. Any person participating or conducting a live dog race or pari-mutuel betting on such a live dog race or the training of dogs to compete in live dog races in violation of this section shall be guilty of a felony. The provisions of this section shall not apply to exhibition-style live dog races, or the training of dogs to compete in exhibition-style live dog races, conducted at county fairs and upon which no pari-mutuel betting occurs.