

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 HOUSE BILL 1089

By: Culver and Lowe (Dick) of
the House

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6 and

7 **Kern** of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 An Act relating to amusements and sports; amending 3A
11 O.S. 2021, Section 267, which relates to horse
12 racing; modifying what organization licensees shall
negotiate and covenant; and providing an effective
date.

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 3A O.S. 2021, Section 267, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 267. For purposes of this act, the organization elected
19 by horsemen that was, in 2003, providing representation for
20 participating Thoroughbred horsemen at meets restricted to
21 Thoroughbred horses only shall be the official representative of all
22 Thoroughbreds participating in live race meets conducted by an
23 organization licensee. The organization elected by horsemen that
24 was, in 2003, providing representation for the breeds participating

1 in mixed-breed racing shall be the official representative of all
2 non-Thoroughbreds participating in live race meets conducted by an
3 organization licensee.

4 Organization licensees shall negotiate and covenant with the
5 official representative for each breed participating at any race
6 meeting as to the conditions for each race meeting, the distribution
7 of commissions and purses not governed by statutory distribution
8 formulae, simulcast transmission ~~and reception~~, off-track wagering,
9 all matters relating to welfare, benefits and prerogatives of the
10 participants in the meet, and any other matter required as a matter
11 of law or necessity. During race meets at which there is more than
12 one official representative for horsemen, each official
13 representative association shall designate an equal number of
14 horsemen to serve on a single committee that will periodically meet
15 with the organization licensee to discuss and facilitate track
16 management operations. Any participating horsemen may with written
17 notice filed with the track's horsemen's bookkeeper elect to opt out
18 of representation by the above-referenced organizations. In the
19 event more than fifty percent (50%) of the total participating
20 horsemen for a single breed opt to be excluded, the Oklahoma Horse
21 Racing Commission may determine that an election be held among all
22 participating horsemen of that breed to designate an alternate
23 representative organization.

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1 The official horsemen's representative organizations, and any
2 breed organizations receiving funding as a result of this act, shall
3 provide the Commission annually with a complete financial accounting
4 for the use of all funds received pursuant to this act. The
5 official horsemen's representative organization shall administer the
6 benevolence program for participants in each live race meeting and a
7 complete accounting of those funds along with the guidelines for
8 administration and determination of eligibility for the benevolence
9 program are subject to approval by the Commission.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
13 OVERSIGHT, dated 02/26/2025 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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