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Senate Bills 955 through 958 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Senator Cameron S. Brown (S.B. 955)
Senator Gerald Van Woerkom (S.B. 956)
Senator Dennis Olshove (S.B. 957)
Senator Jim Barcia (S.B. 958)

Committee: Agriculture and Bioeconomy

CONTENT

Senate Bill 955 would amend the Horse Racing Law to eliminate the office of the Racing Commissioner and transfer the Commissioner's duties to the Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA).

Senate Bill 956 would amend Public Act 90 of 1951 (which regulates racing meets) to refer to the MDA Director, rather than the Racing Commissioner, in provisions related to the distribution of outstanding race winnings that have not been claimed by the owner.

Senate Bill 957 would amend the Compulsive Gaming Prevention Act to require the Director of the Department of Community Health (DCH) to consult with the MDA Director, rather than the Racing Commissioner, before authorizing the distribution of money from the Compulsive Gaming Prevention Fund.

Senate Bill 958 would amend the lobbyist registration Act to remove a reference to the Racing Commissioner from the definition of "official in the executive branch".

Senate Bill 955 is tie-barred to Senate Bills 956, 957, and 958, each of which is tie-barred to Senate Bill 955.

MCL 431.302 et al. (S.B. 955)
431.252-431.254 (S.B. 956)
432.254 & 432.255 (S.B. 957)
4.415 (S.B. 958)

Legislative Analyst: Curtis Walker

FISCAL IMPACT

The bills would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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