

**§263-A. Commission responsibilities**

The commission has the following responsibilities under this chapter. [PL 1997, c. 528, §6 (NEW).]

**1. Rulemaking.** The commission shall adopt rules for:

A. The conduct of harness racing and off-track betting facilities, including rules that may reduce the required number of separate live races for a licensee that is associated with an agricultural fair as defined in Title 7, section 81 to qualify as a racing program from 8 separate live races to 7 separate live races if a minimum number of horses is not available; [PL 2019, c. 626, §1 (AMD).]

B. The licensing of racetracks and off-track betting facilities; [PL 1997, c. 528, §6 (NEW).]

C. The licensing of individuals participating in harness racing and off-track betting facilities, including rules requiring applicants to submit information sufficient for the report required to be submitted by the executive director of the commission as required by section 1037; [PL 2011, c. 358, §3 (AMD).]

D. The procedures for hearing appeals from decisions of track judges; [PL 1997, c. 528, §6 (NEW).]

E. The procedures and standards for setting race dates; and [PL 2017, c. 475, Pt. A, §8 (AMD).]

F. Any other responsibility assigned to the commission under this chapter. [PL 1997, c. 528, §6 (NEW).]

Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

[PL 2019, c. 626, §1 (AMD).]

**2. Appeals.** The commission shall hear appeals of decisions of track judges involving violations of this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter.

[PL 1997, c. 528, §6 (NEW).]

**3. Licensing of tracks and off-track betting facilities.** The commission shall license racetracks and off-track betting facilities as provided in sections 271 and 275-D.

[PL 1997, c. 528, §6 (NEW).]

**4. Setting race dates.** The commission shall set race dates as provided under section 271.

[PL 1997, c. 528, §6 (NEW).]

**5. Establishing minimum number of race dates for commercial tracks.** The commission shall establish a minimum number of race dates for commercial tracks.

[PL 2017, c. 231, §2 (NEW).]

**6. Promotion of harness racing.** The commission shall promote harness racing in the State through the formation of advisory subcommittees, the facilitation of marketing plans and the expenditure or granting of funds.

[PL 2017, c. 371, §1 (NEW).]

**7. Input on the promotion of harness racing.** The commission shall invite input from a statewide association of harness horsemen, a statewide association of Standardbred breeders, a statewide association of agricultural fairs and persons who are members of organizations representing the interests of commercial harness racing tracks and off-track betting facilities on the marketing and promotion of harness racing in this State.

[PL 2017, c. 371, §1 (NEW).]

**REVISOR'S NOTE:** §263-A. Executive director (As enacted by PL 1997, c. 527, §2 is REALLOCATED TO TITLE 8, SECTION 263-C)

## SECTION HISTORY

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