

74-8816. Occupation licenses. (a) The commission shall require occupation licenses for:

(1) Any owner of a horse or greyhound participating in a race conducted by an organization licensee;

(2) any person whose work, in whole or in part, is conducted within a racetrack facility owned or leased by an organization licensee, including trainers, jockeys, agents, apprentices, grooms, exercise persons, veterinarians, valets, blacksmiths, stewards, racing judges, starters, timers, supervisors of mutuels, parimutuel tellers and clerks, guards and such other personnel designated by the commission.

(b) An occupation license shall be obtained from the commission prior to the time a person engages in activities for which such license is required, regardless of whether a race meeting is being conducted.

(c) A person required to be licensed pursuant to subsection (a) shall apply for such license in a manner and upon forms prescribed and furnished by the commission. The commission may require the applicant to submit to fingerprinting. Occupation licenses shall be issued for a period established by the commission but not less than one year or more than three years. The commission shall establish the amount of application fees and license fees for different types of occupation licenses, but no such fee shall exceed \$200 a year. The application fee shall not be refundable if the applicant fails to qualify for a license and shall include the cost of processing fingerprints if they are required by the commission.

(d) The commission may require an applicant for an occupation license as a condition of licensure to consent to allow agents of the Kansas bureau of investigation or security personnel of the commission to search without warrant the licensee's person, personal property and work premises while within the racetrack facility or adjacent facilities under the control of the organization licensee for the purpose of investigating possible criminal violations of this act or violations of rules and regulations of the commission.

(e) Denial of an occupation license by the commission shall be in accordance with the Kansas administrative procedure act. The commission may refuse to issue an occupation license to any person who:

(1) Has been convicted of a felony by a court of any state or of the United States or has been adjudicated in the last five years in any such court of committing as a juvenile an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute a felony;

(2) has been convicted of a violation of any law of any state or of the United States involving gambling or controlled substances or has been adjudicated in the last five years in any such court of committing as a juvenile an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute such a violation;

(3) is not qualified to perform the duties associated with the license being applied for;

(4) fails to disclose any material fact or provides information, knowing such information to be false, when applying for the license;

(5) has been found by the commission to have violated any provision of this act or any rule and regulation of the commission;

(6) has had an occupation license suspended, revoked or denied for just cause in any other jurisdiction;

(7) has committed two or more acts of violence within the past two years as established by a court of competent jurisdiction of any state or of the United States; or

(8) has failed to meet any monetary or tax obligation to the federal government or to any state or local government, whether or not relating to the conduct or operation of a race meet held in this state or any other jurisdiction.

(f) The commission may suspend or revoke an occupation license for any reason which would justify refusal to issue such a license and may impose a fine not exceeding \$5,000 for each violation upon any occupation licensee found to have violated any provision of this act or any rule and regulation of the commission. Such fine may be imposed in addition to or in lieu of suspending or revoking such person's occupation license. Proceedings for the suspension or revocation of an occupation license or imposition of a fine pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted by the commission or a presiding officer from the office of administrative hearings in accordance with the Kansas administrative procedure act, except that, and notwithstanding the provision of K.S.A. 77-512, subsection (b) of K.S.A. 77-526 and subsection (b)(3) of K.S.A. 77-530, and amendments thereto, any order entered by a presiding officer imposing such a fine or suspension shall be a final order and effective when served.

(g) The commission may provide by rules and regulations for the temporary suspension of an occupation license by summary adjudicative proceedings in accordance with the Kansas administrative procedure act upon finding that there is probable cause to believe that grounds exist for a permanent suspension or revocation of such license. Such suspension shall be for a period not exceeding 30 days. Upon expiration of such suspension, the license shall be restored unless the license has been suspended or revoked pursuant to subsection (f).

(h) The stewards at any horse race meeting and the racing judges at any greyhound race meeting may impose on an occupation licensee a civil fine not exceeding \$500 or may suspend any occupation licensee's license for a period not exceeding 15 days upon a finding by at least two of the stewards or racing judges that there is probable cause to believe that the occupation licensee has violated the provisions of this act or any rule or regulation of the commission. No such fine or suspension shall be ordered except after notice and opportunity for hearing in accordance with procedures established by rules and regulations of the commission. Any order imposing such a fine or suspension is effective when rendered. The order shall be subject to appeal to the commission, and may be stayed pending such appeal, as provided by rules and regulations of the commission. Proceedings on appeal shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act.

History: L. 1987, ch. 112, § 16; L. 1988, ch. 316, § 4; L. 1991, ch. 247, § 3; L. 1992, ch. 286, § 8; L. 1996, ch. 262, § 6; L. 1998, ch. 178, § 5; L. 2004, ch. 145, § 31; July 1, 2007.