

2021 Kansas Statutes

74-8810. Prohibited acts; penalties. (a) It is a class A nonperson misdemeanor for any person to have a financial interest, directly or indirectly, in any racetrack facility within the state of Kansas or in any host facility for a simulcast race displayed in this state:

(1) While such person is executive director or a member of the commission or during the five years immediately following such person's term as executive director or member of the commission; or

(2) while such person is an officer, director or member of an organization licensee, other than a fair association or horsemen's nonprofit organization, or during the five years immediately following the time such person is an officer, director or member of such an organization licensee.

(b) It is a class A nonperson misdemeanor for any person to hold any paid position with any facility manager licensee, facility owner licensee or organization licensee or to have any financial interest, directly or indirectly, in any racetrack facility within the state of Kansas:

(1) While such person is a member of the Kansas legislature or during the five years immediately following such person's term as such member; or

(2) if such person is (A) the spouse of a member of the Kansas legislature, (B) the spouse of a person who has been a member of the Kansas legislature during the preceding five years or (C) one of the following blood-relatives, half-relatives or step-relatives of a member of the Kansas legislature or a person who has been a member of the Kansas legislature during the preceding five years: Parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchild, uncle, aunt, parent-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law.

(c) It is a class A nonperson misdemeanor for any member, employee or appointee of the commission, including stewards and racing judges, to knowingly:

(1) Participate in the operation of or have a financial interest in any business which has been issued a concessionaire license, racing or wagering equipment or services license, facility owner license or facility manager license, or any business which sells goods or services to an organization licensee;

(2) participate directly or indirectly as an owner, owner-trainer or trainer of a horse or greyhound, or as a jockey of a horse, entered in a race meeting conducted in this state;

(3) place a wager on an entry in a horse or greyhound race conducted by an organization licensee; or

(4) accept any compensation, gift, loan, entertainment, favor or service from any licensee, except such suitable facilities and services within a racetrack facility operated by an organization licensee as may be required to facilitate the performance of the member's, employee's or appointee's official duties.

(d) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), it is a class A nonperson misdemeanor for any member, employee or appointee of the commission, or any spouse, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchild, uncle, aunt, parent-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law thereof, to:

(A) Hold any license issued by the commission, except that a steward or racing judge shall hold an occupation license to be such a steward or judge; or

(B) enter into any business dealing, venture or contract with an owner or lessee of a racetrack facility in Kansas.

(2) This subsection shall not apply to any racing judge holding an occupation license, if such racing judge is employed at a racetrack facility and such racing judge's relative, as listed above, is a licensed owner, owner-trainer or trainer of a greyhound that races at a different racetrack facility.

(e) It is a class A nonperson misdemeanor for any officer, director or member of an organization licensee, other than a fair association or horsemen's nonprofit organization, to:

(1) Receive, for duties performed as an officer or director of such licensee, any compensation or reimbursement or payment of expenses in excess of the amounts provided by K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto, for board members' compensation, mileage and expenses; or

(2) enter into any business dealing, venture or contract with the organization licensee or, other than in the capacity of an officer or director of the organization licensee, with a facility owner licensee, facility manager licensee, racing or wagering equipment or services license or concessionaire licensee, or with any host facility for a simulcast race displayed in this state.

(f) It is a class A nonperson misdemeanor for any facility owner licensee or facility manager licensee, other than a horsemen's association, or any officer, director, employee, stockholder or shareholder thereof or any person having an ownership interest therein, to participate directly or indirectly as an owner, owner-trainer or trainer of a horse or greyhound, or as a jockey of a horse, entered in a live race conducted in this state.

(g) It is a class A nonperson misdemeanor for any licensee of the commission, or any person who is an officer, director, member or employee of a licensee, to place a wager at a racetrack facility located in Kansas on an entry in a horse or greyhound race if:

(1) The commission has by rules and regulations designated such person's position as a position which could influence the outcome of such race or the parimutuel wagering thereon; and

(2) such race is conducted at or simulcast to the racetrack facility where the licensee is authorized to engage in licensed activities.

(h) It is a class B nonperson misdemeanor for any person to use any animal or fowl in the training or racing of racing greyhounds.

(i) It is a class A nonperson misdemeanor for any person to:

(1) Sell a parimutuel ticket or an interest in such a ticket to a person knowing such person to be under 21 years of age, upon conviction of the first offense;

(2) accept, transmit or deliver, from a person outside a racetrack facility, anything of value to be wagered in any parimutuel system of wagering within a racetrack facility, upon conviction of the first offense;

(3) administer or conspire to administer any drug or medication to a horse or greyhound within the confines of a racetrack facility in violation of rules and regulations of the commission, upon conviction of the first offense;

(4) possess or conspire to possess, within the confines of a racetrack facility, any drug or medication for administration to a horse or greyhound in violation of rules and regulations of the commission, upon conviction of the first offense;

(5) possess or conspire to possess, within the confines of a racetrack facility, equipment for administering drugs or medications to horses or greyhounds in violation of rules and regulations of the commission, upon conviction of the first offense;

(6) enter any horse or greyhound in any race knowing such horse or greyhound to be ineligible to compete in such race pursuant to K.S.A. 74-8812, and amendments thereto; or

(7) prepare or cause to be prepared an application for registration of a horse pursuant to K.S.A. 74-8830, and amendments thereto, knowing that such application contains false information.

(j) It is a severity level 8, nonperson felony for any person to:

(1) Sell a parimutuel ticket or an interest in such a ticket to a person knowing such person to be under 21 years of age, upon conviction of the second or a subsequent offense;

(2) accept, transmit or deliver, from any person outside a racetrack facility, anything of

value to be wagered in any parimutuel system of wagering within a racetrack facility, upon the second or a subsequent conviction;

(3) conduct or assist in the conduct of a horse or greyhound race, or the display of a simulcast race, where the parimutuel system of wagering is used or is intended to be used and where no license has been issued to an organization to conduct or simulcast such race;

(4) enter any horse or greyhound in any race conducted by an organization licensee knowing that the class or grade in which such horse or greyhound is entered is not the true class or grade or knowing that the name under which such horse or greyhound is entered is not the name under which such horse or greyhound has been registered and has publicly performed;

(5) use or conspire to use any device, other than an ordinary whip for horses or a mechanical lure for greyhounds, for the purpose of affecting the speed of any horse or greyhound at any time during a race conducted by an organization licensee;

(6) possess or conspire to possess, within the confines of a racetrack facility, any device, other than an ordinary whip for horses or a mechanical lure for greyhounds, designed or intended to affect the speed of a horse or greyhound;

(7) administer or conspire to administer any drug or medication to a horse or greyhound within the confines of a racetrack facility in violation of rules and regulations of the commission, upon conviction of the second or a subsequent offense;

(8) possess or conspire to possess, within the confines of a racetrack facility, any drug or medication for administration to a horse or greyhound in violation of rules and regulations of the commission, upon conviction of the second or a subsequent offense;

(9) possess or conspire to possess, within the confines of a racetrack facility, equipment for administering drugs or medications to horses or greyhounds in violation of rules and regulations of the commission, upon conviction of the second or a subsequent offense;

(10) sponge the nostrils or windpipe of a horse for the purpose of stimulating or depressing such horse or affecting its speed at any time during a race meeting conducted by an organization licensee;

(11) alter or attempt to alter the natural outcome of any race conducted by, or any simulcast race displayed by, an organization licensee or transmit or receive an altered race or delayed broadcast race if parimutuel wagering is conducted or solicited after off time of the race;

(12) influence or attempt to influence, by the payment or promise of payment of money or other valuable consideration, any person to alter the natural outcome of any race conducted by, or any simulcast race displayed by, an organization licensee;

(13) influence or attempt to influence any member, employee or appointee of the commission, by the payment or promise of payment of money or other valuable consideration, in the performance of any official duty of that member, employee or appointee;

(14) fail to report to the commission or to one of its employees or appointees knowledge of any violation of this act by another person for the purpose of stimulating or depressing any horse or greyhound, or affecting its speed, at any time during any race conducted by an organization licensee;

(15) commit any of the following acts with respect to the prior racing record, pedigree, identity or ownership of a registered horse or greyhound in any matter related to the breeding, buying, selling or racing of the animal: (A) Falsify, conceal or cover up, by any trick, scheme or device, a material fact; (B) make any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or representation; or (C) make or use any false writing or document knowing that it contains any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry; or

(16) pass or attempt to pass, cash or attempt to cash any altered or forged parimutuel

ticket knowing it to have been altered or forged.

(k) (1) No person less than 21 years of age shall purchase a parimutuel ticket or an interest in such a ticket.

(2) Any person less than 18 years of age who violates this subsection shall be subject to adjudication as a juvenile offender pursuant to the revised Kansas juvenile justice code.

(3) Violation of this subsection by a person 18 or more years of age is a class A misdemeanor upon conviction of the first offense and a severity level 8, nonperson felony upon conviction of the second or a subsequent offense.

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