

Senator Beach of the 21st offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities substitute to HB 118*
 2 *(LC 36 3394ERS) by inserting after "appeals;" on line 5 "to create the Georgia Horse Racing*
 3 *Commission and to provide for its membership and duties; to provide for automatic repeal*
 4 *under certain circumstances;" and by redesignating Sections 2 and 3 as Sections 3 and 4,*
 5 *respectively, and by inserting after line 244 the following:*

6 **SECTION 2.**

7 Said chapter is further amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

8 "ARTICLE 36

9 10-1-950.

10 (a) There is created the Georgia Horse Racing Commission. The commission shall be
 11 composed of five members. Three members shall be appointed by the Governor. One
 12 member shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor. One member shall be appointed
 13 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The members of the commission shall
 14 select one of the members to serve as chairperson and one of the members to serve as vice
 15 chairperson. The commission shall meet upon the call of the chairperson.

16 (b) The commission shall investigate whether it is feasible to provide for horse racing and
 17 parimutuel gaming in Georgia and whether such activities would benefit the equine
 18 industry in this state as well as the overall economy of this state. The commission shall
 19 make determinations of what legislation is needed to best achieve these ends and shall
 20 report to the General Assembly by December 1 of each year on its findings and
 21 recommendations.

22 (c) This article shall be repealed by operation of law on December 31, 2020, if legislation
 23 to provide for horse racing with parimutuel betting is not passed by the General Assembly
 24 before such date."