

Senator Beach of the 21st offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities substitute to HB 118 (LC*
 2 *43 0976ERS) by inserting after "appeals;" on line 5 "to provide for pari-mutuel betting under*
 3 *certain conditions; to impose a tax on hosts or managers of pari-mutuel betting; to provide*
 4 *for restrictions and penalties;"*

5 *By redesignating Sections 2 and 3 as Sections 3 and 4, respectively, and by inserting after*
 6 *line 243 the following:*

7 **SECTION 2.**

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

9 "ARTICLE 36

10 10-1-950.

11 (a) As used in this article, the term 'pari-mutuel betting' means a method or system of
 12 wagering that involves the distribution to winners of a portion of the pool of sums wagered.

13 (b) Examples of pari-mutuel betting shall include, but shall not be limited to:

14 (1) Fantasy contests as defined in Article 35 of this chapter;

15 (2) Games or contests involving the outcome of the performance of individuals
 16 participating in sporting events or competitions, provided that those wagering do not
 17 directly participate in such game or contest; and

18 (3) Games or contests involving the outcome of competition based on the performance
 19 of horses.

20 10-1-951.

21 All forms of pari-mutuel betting shall be legal in Georgia, provided that all winning
 22 outcomes reflect in part the relative knowledge and skill of those who enter such wager.

23 10-1-952.

24 Pari-mutuel betting may provide for an amount to be paid to the manager or host of the
 25 wager, provided that such host or manager:

26 (1) Registers with the state revenue commissioner; and

27 (2) Pays annually to the state revenue commissioner a tax of 6 percent on such host or
28 manager's gross revenues from hosting or managing pari-mutuel betting for the
29 preceding 12 months. The first such payment shall be due upon initial registration with
30 the state revenue commissioner.

31 10-1-953.

32 A host or manager of pari-mutuel betting shall submit evidence to the state revenue
33 commissioner that such host or manager has established and will implement commercially
34 reasonable procedures for their pari-mutuel betting that:

35 (1) Takes reasonable steps to ensure that no persons under the age of 18 participate in
36 any pari-mutuel betting, including verifying that all wagerers are 18 years of age or older;
37 and

38 (2) Provide those entering wagers with access to information on responsible play, as well
39 as access to information on seeking assistance for compulsive behavior.

40 10-1-954.

41 In addition to any other remedies provided by law, a host or manager of pari-mutuel betting
42 that violates this article is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000.00 for each
43 violation, not to exceed \$125,000.00 for violations arising out of the same transaction or
44 occurrence, which shall accrue to the state and may be recovered in a civil action brought
45 by the state revenue commissioner.

46 10-1-955.

47 This article shall not apply to fantasy contest operators which shall be governed by Article
48 35 of this chapter."