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## CHAPTER 329

## The Racing Commission Act

- 1.** In this Act, Interpre-  
tation.
- (a) "Commission" means Ontario Racing Commission;
- (b) "Minister" means the member of the Executive Council to whom the administration of this Act is assigned by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. 1950, c. 67, s. 1.
- 2.** There shall be a body corporate to be known as the Commission  
established. Ontario Racing Commission composed of not less than three and not more than seven members appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. 1950, c. 67, s. 2.
- 3.** The object of the Commission shall be to govern, direct, Object. control and regulate horse racing in Ontario in any or all of its forms. 1950, c. 67, s. 3.
- 4.** The members of the Commission shall hold office during Term of  
office. the pleasure of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. 1950, c. 67, s. 4.
- 5.—(1)** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall name Chairman  
and vice-  
chairman. one of the members to be the chairman and one of the members to be the vice-chairman.
- (2) When the office of chairman is vacant or in the absence Absence of  
chairman. of the chairman, the vice-chairman shall act in his place and stead. 1950, c. 67, s. 5.
- 6.—(1)** At any meeting of the Commission a majority of Quorum. the members shall constitute a quorum, and a majority vote of the members present at any meeting of the Commission shall determine any question.
- (2) The chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to Casting  
vote. his ordinary vote. 1950, c. 67, s. 6.
- 7.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may fill any Vacancies. vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Commission. 1950, c. 67, s. 7.

Salaries of members and staff.

8. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall fix the salaries of the chairman, the vice-chairman and the other members of the Commission, and may appoint such officers, clerks or other employees as may be necessary for the purposes of the Commission, and shall fix their salaries, wages or other remuneration. 1950, c. 67, s. 8.

Chairman and staff to be civil servants. Rev. Stat., c. 317.

9.—(1) The chairman of the Commission and all officers, clerks and other employees thereof shall be subject to *The Public Service Act* and shall be civil servants within the meaning of that Act.

Members may be made civil servants.

(2) The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may provide that the members of the Commission other than the chairman, or any of them, shall be subject to *The Public Service Act* and shall be civil servants within the meaning of that Act. 1950, c. 67, s. 9.

Expenses payable out of vote.

10. The salaries and expenses of the members of the Commission and of the officers, clerks and other employees thereof, and generally all costs, charges and expenses incurred and payable in respect of the carrying out of this Act, shall be paid out of such moneys as may be appropriated therefor by the Legislature. 1950, c. 67, s. 10.

Powers of Commission.

11. The Commission shall have power,

- (a) to govern, direct, control and regulate horse racing in Ontario in any or all of its forms;
- (b) to govern, control and regulate the operation of race tracks in Ontario at which any form of horse racing is carried on;
- (c) to hold hearings relating to the carrying out of its objects or powers, and to summon any person by subpoena signed by the chairman or by any other member of the Commission, and to require such person to give evidence on oath and to produce such documents and things as the Commission deems requisite in any such hearing;
- (d) to enforce the carrying out and observance of all regulations, rules and conditions established under this Act, by a fine or other penalty or otherwise;
- (e) to make by-laws for the conduct of its business and for the control and direction of its work;

- (f) to do such other things relating to horse racing in any or all of its forms or to the operation of race tracks at which horse racing is carried on, as may be authorized or directed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. 1950, c. 67, s. 11.

**12.** The accounts of the Commission shall be audited by <sup>Audit.</sup> the provincial Auditor or by such other auditor as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may appoint. 1950, c. 67, s. 12.

**13.** The Commission shall make a report annually to the <sup>Annual</sup> Minister, containing such information as the Minister may <sup>report.</sup> require. 1950, c. 67, s. 13.

**14.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make <sup>Regulations.</sup> regulations with respect to any and all matters or things as may be deemed necessary for the carrying out of this Act, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such regulations may,

- (a) prescribe the powers and duties of the chairman and of the other members of the Commission and confer upon the Commission such powers as may be deemed proper for carrying out its objects;
- (b) provide for the licensing of persons to operate race tracks at which horse racing in any of its forms is carried on;
- (c) provide for the licensing of owners, trainers, drivers, jockeys, apprentice jockeys, grooms, jockeys' agents, jockeys' valets, exercise boys, tradesmen, and such other persons as may be deemed appropriate;
- (d) fix the fees or other charges to be paid for licences and prescribe the form and conditions under which licences shall be issued;
- (e) provide for the revocation, cancellation or suspension of licences;
- (f) establish rules for the conduct of horse racing in any of its forms;
- (g) to provide for the registration of colours, assumed names, partnerships and contracts and of such other matters or things as may be deemed necessary;
- (h) provide for the employment of stewards, veterinarians and analysts to attend at race meetings on behalf of the Commission;

- (i) provide for the approval by the Commission of the appointments of race track officials or employees, whose duties relate to the actual running of horse races, and for compelling the discharge for cause of any such officials or employees;
  - (j) provide for the fixing of fines or other penalties for violation or failure to comply with the regulations, rules or conditions made under this Act;
  - (k) require persons licensed to operate race tracks under this Act to keep proper books of account, and to provide access thereto and to allow inspection and investigation thereof by the Commission. 1950 c. 67, s. 14.
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