

CHAPTER 119

AN ACT concerning workers' compensation coverage under the New Jersey Horse Racing Injury Compensation Board and amending P.L.1995, c.329.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 3 of P.L.1995, c.329 (C.34:15-131) is amended to read as follows:

C.34:15-131 Definitions regarding The New Jersey Horse Racing Injury Compensation Board.

3. As used in this act:

"Board" means the New Jersey Horse Racing Injury Compensation Board established by section 4 of this act.

"Commission" means the New Jersey Racing Commission established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1940, c.17 (C.5:5-22).

"Horse racing industry employee" means a jockey, jockey apprentice, or driver engaged in performing services for an owner in connection with the racing of a horse in New Jersey. "Horse racing industry employee" also means an exercise rider of a thoroughbred horse for the period of time during which he or she is employed as an exercise rider of a thoroughbred horse at a horse racetrack in this State, who is licensed by the commission and from whose wages deductions and withholdings as required or authorized by State or federal law are taken and a trainer who otherwise would be considered an employee of the owner pursuant to R.S.34:15-1 et seq., as well as any person assisting such trainer who is required to be licensed by the commission.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved August 8, 2004.