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(HB 403)

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Horse Park.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

- → Section 1. KRS 148.260 is repealed, reenacted, and amended to read as follows:
- (1) There is hereby created and established an agency of state government to be known as the Kentucky Horse Park Commission, which shall constitute a separate administrative body of state government within the meaning of KRS 12.010(8) and under the provisions of KRS 12.015 shall be attached to the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet for administrative purposes.
- (2) The commission shall be composed of *the following fifteen* (15)[seventeen (17)] members:
 - (a) Thirteen (13) members appointed by the Governor who possess the ability to provide broad management expertise and direction in the operation of the Kentucky Horse Park and [shall], to the extent possible, represent the diverse interests [interest] of the Kentucky horse industry, four (4) or more of whom[. Of these, fifteen (15) members shall be appointed by the Governor. Two (2) of these appointed members of the commission shall] represent the equine industry [;] and four (4) or more of whom are [two (2) members shall be] active in industry, tourism, or [and] commerce. The members of the commission appointed under this paragraph shall serve for a term of four (4) years, except that initial appointments shall be as follows:
 - 1. Four (4) members shall serve for a term of two (2) years;
 - 2. Five (5) members shall serve for a term of three (3) years; and
 - 3. Four (4) members shall serve for a term of four (4) years; and
 - (b) The secretary of the Cabinet for Economic Development and the secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, who shall serve as ex officio members with full voting rights. [Any vacancy on the commission shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term.]
- (3) The Governor shall designate one (1) member of the commission to serve as chairperson and one (1) member of the commission to serve as vice chairperson, both of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The vice chairperson shall preside over meetings in the absence of the chairperson [The appointed members of the commission shall hold their offices for a term of four (4) years, except that for the initial appointment to the commission, two (2) members shall serve a term of two (2) years, two (2) members shall serve a term of four (4) years].
- (4) The commission shall meet quarterly, and [shall be headed by a chairman appointed by] the [Governor. The] chairperson [chairman] shall preside over the [commission] meetings. The chairperson [chairman] may call special meetings of the commission upon a request of the majority of the members of the commission, or upon request of the Governor.
- (5) Members shall be reimbursed only for expenses incurred in the discharge of official business, subject to regulations established by the Finance and Administration Cabinet. All expenses reimbursed to members shall be paid from operating funds of the Kentucky Horse Park.
- (6) The commission shall establish and maintain an office at the Kentucky State Horse Park for the transaction of its business and shall not establish any branch office. The commission may hold meetings at any other place when the convenience of the commission requires.
- (7) The commission shall be authorized to adopt bylaws providing for the call of its meetings, which shall be held at least quarterly, and for its operating procedures. A quorum of the commission shall consist of eight (8) members, and a quorum of members present at any duly-called meeting may act upon any matter before it for consideration. Each member shall have one (1) vote.
- (8) The Governor may establish an advisory committee to advise in the administration, development, and operation of the *Kentucky Horse Park*[horse park] or other functions, activities, and programs provided for or authorized by KRS 148.260 to 148.320.

- → Section 2. KRS 148.290 is amended to read as follows:
- (1) The commission may enter into agreements with the law enforcement agency of any urban-county or counties in which the State Horse Park is located or in any adjacent county or with the Department of Kentucky State Police for proper policing of the State Horse Park. If authorized to do so by the commission and subject to KRS 61.300, the executive director may commission employees of the park as patrol officers. These patrol officers shall have all the powers of peace officers upon the property of the State Horse Park and the public property and roads traversing or immediately adjacent thereto.
- (2) The commission is authorized to establish by resolution speed limits governing the operation of motor vehicles on horse park property. Notice to the public of such speed limits shall be posted by signs or markings.
- (3) The commission may by administrative regulation establish restrictions on the use, *including the operation*, *parking*, *impoundment*, *and removal*, of golf cart-type vehicles, all-terrain vehicles as defined by KRS 189.010(24), [and]horse trailers, *and automobiles* operated on State Horse Park property. The commission may prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles on State Horse Park property.
- (4) The commission may by administrative regulation establish a permit system, including a fee schedule, for golf cart-type vehicles, require owners to purchase usage permits, and require that the usage permit be displayed on the vehicle when operated on State Horse Park property.
- (5) The commission may by administrative regulation establish a trailer permit system, including a fee schedule, for horse owners participating in events but not renting stalls at the State Horse Park.
- → Section 3. The General Assembly confirms Executive Order 2016-281, dated May 24, 2016, to the extent it is not otherwise confirmed or superseded by this Act.

Signed by Governor March 21, 2017.