

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Horse Park Commission and declaring an emergency.

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

➔SECTION 1. KRS 148.260 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: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) (a) The commission shall be composed of nine (9) members appointed by the Governor as follows:*

*1. Three (3) members shall be appointed based upon their experience in marketing, business, finance, management, or special event management; and*

*2. The remaining six (6) members may be appointed from lists of three (3) names submitted to the Governor by the following organizations:*

*a. The Kentucky Quarter Horse Association;*

*b. The Kentucky Dressage Association;*

*c. The Kentucky Reining Horse Association;*

*d. The Kentucky Saddlebred Owners and Breeders Association;*

*e. The Kentucky Hunter Jumper Association; and*

*f. The Kentucky Arabian and Half Arabian Breeders Alliance.*

*(b) Should the Governor not find a satisfactory candidate from the list of names submitted by the organizations in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the Governor may appoint a candidate who has 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 of the Kentucky horse industry. Any vacancy on the commission shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term.

(3) The members of the commission shall hold their offices for a term of four (4) years, except that for the initial appointment to the commission, members appointed under paragraph (a)1. or (a)2. of subsection (2) of this section shall be appointed as follows:

(a) Two (2) members shall serve a term of two (2) years;

(b) Two (2) members shall serve a term of three (3) years; and

(c) Two (2) members shall serve a term of four (4) years.

(4) (a) The commission shall meet at least quarterly and shall be headed by a chair and a vice chair, each appointed by the Governor.

(b) The chair shall preside over the commission meetings, but in the absence of the chair, the vice chair shall preside.

(c) The chair may call special meetings of the commission upon a request of the majority of the members of the commission.

(5) Members shall be reimbursed only for expenses incurred in the discharge of official business, subject to administrative regulations promulgated 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 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) (a) 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.

(b) A quorum of the commission shall consist of five (5) members, and a quorum of members present at any duly called meeting may act upon any matter before it for consideration.

(c) 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 horse park or other functions, activities, and programs provided for or authorized by KRS 148.258 to 148.320.

→Section 2. Whereas the Kentucky Horse Park is an important part of the Commonwealth's status as "Horse Capital of the World," and management of the park is vital in promoting the horse industry in Kentucky, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.