

Legislative Analysis



CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS FOR HORSE RACING

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House Bill 6203

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Committee: Criminal Justice

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6203 AS INTRODUCED 9-9-04

Many of the people who work in the horse racing industry in Michigan must be licensed under provisions of the Horse Racing Law. House Bill 6203 would amend the act to require an applicant, when applying for an occupational license, to provide the racing commissioner with one or more sets of his or her fingerprints.

In order to determine if the applicant has been convicted of a crime in any state, the racing commissioner would have to submit the fingerprints and the appropriate state and federal fees to the Michigan Department of State Police for a criminal history check. The MSP could forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a criminal history check. Information obtained under the bill's provisions could only be used to determine the character and fitness of the applicant for licensing purposes.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

HB 6203 would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Department of State Police depending on the number of criminal background investigations submitted to the Department by the racing commissioner.

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