



## ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RACING AND WAGERING

### NOTICE OF ONLINE VIDEO PUBLIC HEARING

**SUBJECT:** Impact of the Thoroughbred and Standardbred racing and breeding industry on the economy of New York State.

**PURPOSE:** To review the economic impact of the racing horse industry on the State, and to examine how it has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thursday, January 14th, 2021  
10:30 A.M.

Web Link: <https://www.nyassembly.gov/av/live/>

### **ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY**

The equine industry is an important sector in the economy of New York State, with the Thoroughbred and Standardbred racing and breeding program being a significant segment of the equine industry. According to the 2018 New York State Equine Industry Economic Impact Study, the equine industry generated an approximate \$5.3 billion in statewide economic impact in 2016, which was about \$1 billion in direct value to the state economy from the racing industry. The racing industry also generated approximately an additional \$704 million for the state economy through indirect effects. The study also noted that roughly 42,400 jobs are provided by the equine industry and that there are approximately 12,815 direct jobs created by the racing industry, leading to another 6,888 jobs from indirect effects. These jobs span across every region of the state and range from breeders, trainers, and backstretch workers to affiliated industries such as hay farmers and veterinarians. The Committee is interested in examining the overall economic impact that horse racing has on the State, and the status of the horse racing industry in a year where racetracks were closed to fans and guidelines were established to keep the employees and horses on the backstretch safe.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified of means by which to testify and/or in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

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**Member of Assembly  
J. Gary Pretlow, Chair  
Committee on Racing and Wagering**

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Testimony will only be taken upon approval by the Committee Chair. Individuals who have been invited to present testimony on Impact of the Thoroughbred and Standardbred racing and breeding industry on the economy of New York State, are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible and email a copy of planned testimony. Individuals invited to participate will be notified within 48 hours of the hearing. All replies and testimony submissions must be emailed to:

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- I have been invited to make a public statement at the hearing on the SFY 2020-2021 State Budget as it relates to supporting the New York State horse racing industry. My statement will be limited to 10 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise.
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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- I do not plan to attend the above hearing.
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- I would like to be removed from the Committee mailing list.
- I will require assistance and/or handicapped accessibility information. **Please specify the type of assistance required:** \_\_\_\_\_

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