

Senate Ways and Means Committee

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SB 147-FN, relative to licenses to sell pari-mutuel pools on simulcast horse races.

Hearing Date: January 29, 2025

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Lang, Murphy, Sullivan, Rosenwald and Fenton

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill expands simulcast horse race betting to all charitable gaming facilities.

Sponsors:

Sen. Lang
Sen. Pearl

Sen. Murphy
Sen. Gannon

Sen. Innis

Who supports the bill: Sen. Lang, Sen. Gannon, Sen. Pearl, Sen. Murphy

Who opposes the bill: Curtis Register

Who is neutral on the bill: No one

Summary of testimony presented:

Sen. Lang said back when NH had horse tracks, we limited horse betting to just those locations. The locations were Seabrook, Hinsdale, Rockingham and Belmont. We no longer have horse racing, but NH still has an archaic law that states that those are the only locations where one can bet on horse racing. Belmont and Seabrook are grandfathered into this form of betting where they can offer simulcast betting. This bill removes that grandfather clause and says locations that offer games of chance can offer simulcast wagering.

Sen. Murphy asked Sen. Lang to clarify whether this bill limits simulcast wagering to facilities that have historic horse racing.

Sen. Lang said any facility that offers game of chance will be able to offer simulcast wagering under this bill; not just those licensed to offer historic horse racing.