

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 104, As Amended in the Senate

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO DOG RACING; AMENDING SECTION 54-2514A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE AN
2 EXCEPTION TO APPLICABILITY OF PROHIBITIONS AGAINST DOG RACING FOR CER-
3 TAIN EXHIBITION-STYLE LIVE DOG RACES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROHIBITION
4 ON DOG RACES SHALL NOT APPLY TO CERTAIN SLED DOG RACES AND TO PROVIDE A
5 DEFINITION AND CONDITIONS.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Section 54-2514A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
9 amended to read as follows:

10 54-2514A. DOG RACING ILLEGAL AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
11 ACT. (1) On and after the effective date of this act, live dog races and
12 pari-mutuel betting on such races or the training of dogs to compete in live
13 dog races shall be illegal in the state of Idaho. Notwithstanding any other
14 provision of law to the contrary, the provisions of this section shall not be
15 deemed to alter or affect simulcasts and simulcast pari-mutuel wagering at a
16 facility that was licensed and authorized prior to January 1, 1996, to con-
17 duct live dog races and pari-mutuel wagering on them prior to the effective
18 date of this act, and horse and dog race simulcasts and pari-mutuel wagering
19 on such simulcasts may be conducted at that facility, or at an alternate fa-
20 cility in the same county and approved by the commission as if the facility
21 were still licensed and under the same conditions and restrictions imposed
22 by law on a licensee. Under no circumstances shall the provisions of this
23 section or section 54-2512, Idaho Code, be used to grant more than one (1)
24 license to conduct simulcast pari-mutuel wagering in any county. Any person
25 participating or conducting a live dog race or pari-mutuel betting on such a
26 live dog race or the training of dogs to compete in live dog races in viola-
27 tion of this section shall be guilty of a felony.

28 (2) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to
29 exhibition-style live dog races upon which no pari-mutuel betting occurs on
30 or off the site of the race or training, where the maximum track length and
31 race does not exceed one hundred fifty (150) feet, or to the training of dogs
32 to compete in exhibition-style live dog races, conducted at county fairs.
33 The proper care, humane treatment and protection of a dog participating in
34 an exhibition dog race shall be the responsibility of its owner, and all dog
35 races and associated training shall be conducted in a manner consistent with
36 the provisions of chapter 35, title 25, Idaho Code.

37 (3) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to
38 a sled dog race or to the training of dogs for a sled dog race meeting the re-
39 quirements of this subsection and upon which no pari-mutuel betting occurs
40 on or off the site of the race or training. A "sled dog race" means a timed
41 competition of teams of sled dogs that pull a sled with the dog musher stand-
42 ing on the runners of the sled. The proper care, humane treatment and pro-

1 tection of a dog participating in a sled dog race shall be the responsibility
2 of its owner, and all sled dog races and associated training shall be con-
3 ducted in a manner consistent with the provisions of chapter 35, title 25,
4 Idaho Code.