

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 151

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO DOG RACING; AMENDING SECTION 54-2514A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE
2 THAT THE PROHIBITION ON DOG RACES SHALL NOT APPLY TO CERTAIN SLED DOG
3 RACES, TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION AND CONDITIONS, AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL
4 CORRECTION.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

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

9 54-2514A. DOG RACING ILLEGAL AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
10 ACT. (1) On and after the effective date of this act, live dog races and
11 pari-mutuel betting on such races or the training of dogs to compete in live
12 dog races shall be illegal in the state of Idaho. Notwithstanding any other
13 provision of law to the contrary, the provisions of this section shall not be
14 deemed to alter or affect simulcasts and simulcast pari-mutuel wagering at a
15 facility that was licensed and authorized prior to January 1, 1996, to con-
16 duct live dog races and pari-mutuel wagering on them prior to the effective
17 date of this act, and horse and dog race simulcasts and pari-mutuel wagering
18 on such simulcasts may be conducted at that facility, or at an alternate fa-
19 cility in the same county and approved by the commission as if the facility
20 were still licensed and under the same conditions and restrictions imposed
21 by law on a licensee. Under no circumstances shall the provisions of this
22 section or section 54-2512, Idaho Code, be used to grant more than one (1)
23 license to conduct simulcast pari-mutuel wagering in any county. Any person
24 participating in or conducting a live dog race or pari-mutuel betting on
25 such a live dog race or the training of dogs to compete in live dog races in
26 violation of this section shall be guilty of a felony.

27 (2) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to
28 a sled dog race or to the training of dogs for a sled dog race meeting the re-
29 quirements of this subsection. A "sled dog race" means a timed competition
30 of teams of sled dogs that pull a sled with the dog musher standing on the run-
31 ners of the sled. The proper care, humane treatment and protection of a dog
32 participating in a sled dog race shall be the responsibility of its owner,
33 and all sled dog races and associated training shall be conducted in a manner
34 consistent with the provisions of chapter 35, title 25, Idaho Code.