

# **WHAT GEORGIA VOTERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT 2023 STATE HORSERACING LEGISLATION**

**Why would we want to invite a dying industry to Georgia?:**

**41 U.S. racetracks have closed since 2000 (> 2 tracks per year on average)**

**All major racing states except KY & CA subsidize it with unrelated revenue & tax breaks**

**Horseracing will not bring the jobs pro-racing lobbyists promise**

**Increasing the breeding of racehorses in Georgia will inevitably have negative financial consequences on Georgians:**

- \* Millions of \$\$ in cost of care for discarded racehorses & nurse mare foals**
- \* Increased homeless horse overpopulation will pull \$\$ from our already strained state, municipal & non-profit animal welfare resources in GA**

**Racing is no longer “The Sport of Kings” but is instead now well known in the National Press for all the wrong reasons, such as racehorse fatalities, doping investigations and federal & state criminal convictions, inviting enormous reputational risks to our state.**

**Predatory businesses ancillary to racing like Nurse Mare Breeders & Slaughter Kill Pens will establish themselves in Georgia**

**There will be no real regulatory oversight to protect the racehorses:**

**“HISA”, the federal Horseracing Safety & Integrity Act of 2020, that would have protected thoroughbred racehorses, is stuck in court and not in effect, and Quarter horses and Standardbreds have no federal or state oversight body**

**The “GHRC,” Georgia Horse Racing Commission, proposed in the legislation, is made up of the very people who stand to gain from hiding humane issues and cheating, and would put “the Fox in charge of the Hen House”**

**Georgia doesn't have enough equine veterinarians to perform race day health checks**