

**240.03 COMMISSION POWERS AND DUTIES.**

The commission has the following powers and duties:

- (1) to regulate horse racing in Minnesota to ensure that it is conducted in the public interest;
- (2) to issue licenses as provided in this chapter;
- (3) to enforce all laws and rules governing horse racing;
- (4) to collect and distribute all taxes provided for in this chapter;
- (5) to conduct necessary investigations and inquiries and to issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the submission of information, documents, records, and other evidence it deems necessary to carry out its duties;
- (6) to supervise the conduct of pari-mutuel betting on horse racing;
- (7) to employ and supervise personnel under this chapter;
- (8) to determine the number of racing days to be held in the state and at each licensed racetrack;
- (9) to take all necessary steps to ensure the integrity of racing in Minnesota; and
- (10) to impose fees on the racing and card playing industries sufficient to recover the operating costs of the commission with the approval of the legislature according to section 16A.1283. Notwithstanding section 16A.1283, when the legislature is not in session, the commissioner of management and budget may grant interim approval for any new fees or adjustments to existing fees that are not statutorily specified, until such time as the legislature reconvenes and acts upon the new fees or adjustments. As part of its biennial budget request, the commission must propose changes to its fees that will be sufficient to recover the operating costs of the commission.

**History:** 1983 c 214 s 3; 1985 c 212 s 3; 1991 c 336 art 1 s 11; 1Sp2003 c 1 art 2 s 69; 2009 c 101 art 2 s 109; 2015 c 77 art 4 s 8