



## Ohio State Racing Commission

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### Sunset Review Committee

#### Testimony on the Ohio State Racing Commission

Provided by Ohio State Racing Commission Executive Director, Bill Crawford  
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Good afternoon Chairman Jordan and members of the Sunset Review Committee. My name is Bill Crawford and I am the Executive Director of the Ohio State Racing Commission. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to present testimony on the Ohio State Racing Commission for your consideration.

The Ohio State Racing Commission was created as a result of the passage of legislation known as the Emmons Bill and was signed by Governor White in 1933. The Ohio State Racing Commission is dedicated to the protection, preservation and promotion of horse racing and its related components. In that connection the Ohio State Racing Commission regulates pari-mutuel wagering and licenses all industry participants in order to insure the integrity of the sport. The Ohio State Racing Commission makes an effort to promote horse racing and breeding to the citizens of Ohio and cooperates with horse owners, trainers, breeders, licensees, county fairs and commercial racetracks to accomplish this goal. The Ohio State Racing Commission strives to create an atmosphere where the wagering public would not need to be protected and the sport maintains the highest level of integrity.

The Ohio State Racing Commission consists of five members, appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate. Not more than three members shall be affiliated with the same political party. Terms of office shall be for four years. One of the members of the commission shall be named by the governor as chairperson of the commission. The chairperson and the associate commissioners shall receive a salary fixed pursuant to Chapter 124 of the revised code. When on commission business and for attending commission meetings, the commissioners shall be allowed actual and necessary traveling expenses. The salaries and expenses shall be paid out of the state racing commission operating fund created by section 3769.03 of the Revised Code.

Members of the Committee, thank you again for giving me this opportunity to testify today. I would be happy to take any questions that you may have at this time.