

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6631, October 23, 1972]

AN ACT GRANTING MANILA JOCKEY CLUB, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A RACE TRACK FOR HORSE RACING IN THE CITY OF MANILA OR IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN.

SECTION 1. Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, there is hereby granted to Manila Jockey Club, Inc., a corporation duly organized under the laws of the Philippines, hereinafter called the grantee or its successors, for a period of twenty-five years from the approval of this Act, the right, privilege and authority to construct, operate and maintain one race track in any place within the City of Manila or in the Province of Bulacan, establish branches thereof for booking purposes and hold or conduct horse races therein with betting either directly or by means of electric and/or computerized totalizator.

The races to be conducted by the grantee shall be under the supervision and control of the Games and Amusement Board, which shall enforce the laws, rules and regulations governing horse racing as provided in Republic Act Numbered Three hundred and nine, as amended, and all the racing officials and personnel to be employed by the grantee shall be duly licensed as such by the said Games and Amusements Board in accordance with Section five of the same Act,

SEC. 2. The grantee or its duly authorized agent may offer, take or arrange bets within or outside the place, enclosure or track where the horse races are held. No person other than the grantee or its duly authorized agents shall take or arrange bets on any horse, or maintain or use a totalizator or other device, method or system to bet on any horse within or without the place, enclosure or track where the horse races are held by the grantee. Any violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than six months, or both in the discretion of the Court. If the offender is a partnership, corporation, or association, the criminal liability shall devolve upon its president, directors or any other officials responsible for the violation.

SEC. 3. In order to maintain a clean, honest and orderly horse racing, the grantee shall provide mechanical and/or computerized devices, namely: a) photo patrol; b) automatic starter; c) electrical totalizator; d) photo finish devices; e) machine, directly connected to a computer in a display board, for the sale of daily double, "llave" forecast, and/or "quenella" tickets, including those sold from off track stations; f) facilities or devices for tattoo branding of horses for their proper identification; g) facilities, laboratories, and instruments for "test for drugs"; h) weighing machines and devices for measurement of horses; i) modern sound system and loud speakers; j) facilities that will bring safety, security, comfort and convenience to the public; k) modern intercommunication devices; and l) such other facilities, devices and instruments for a clean, honest and orderly horse racing, within three years from the approval of this Act. In case of failure to provide and