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In the matter of:

HORSEMAN'S SIMULCAST
PURSE ACCOUNT

To: Michigan Horseman's Benevolent Protective Association
Michigan Harness Horseman's Association

**Order Directing Transfer of HBPA Thoroughbred Horsemen's Simulcast
Purse Accounts to MHHA Horsemen's Simulcast Purse Account.**

In 2016, the Horse Racing Law was amended to add § 19a. Section 19a addressed the scenario when a track license is surrendered or when a licensed track is closed. On April 5, 2018, Hazel Park Raceway surrendered its race meeting license and track license.

Section 19a of the Horse Racing Law of 1995, MCL 431.319a, provides as follows:

If a track license is surrendered, revoked, or escrowed, or a licensed track is closed, the racing commissioner shall order the horsemen's purse pool money from the track be transferred to a depository designated by a race meeting licensee on written direction of the affected certified horsemen's organization regardless of whether there was racing at the race meeting licensee's location during the previous year. The money shall be transferred to the horsemen's simulcast purse account at any licensed racetrack in this state where the affected certified horsemen's organization subsequently obtains a written contract for live horse racing with pari-mutuel wagering. If the affected certified horsemen's organization does not enter into a written contract for live horse racing with pari-mutuel wagering at a track in this state within 12 months after the date when the horsemen's simulcast purse account money can be transferred under this section, the money must be equally divided between the horsemen's simulcast purse accounts at the licensed tracks in this state conducting pari-mutuel wagering on the results of horse races. The racing commissioner may rescind or modify any existing escrow orders to carry out this section.

In accordance with § 19a, an order was issued on May 29, 2018, by the Executive Director freezing all distributions from the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) simulcast purse account and prohibited any distributions from the HBPA horsemen's purse account.

