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**Senate Bill 71, Printer's No. 56**

**Date: March 1, 2011**

**Sponsor: Senator Greenleaf**

### **Bill Summary**

Senate Bill 71, Printer's No. 56, amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, section 7516 by further providing for the offense of greyhound race simulcasting and prescribing a corresponding civil penalty. A person shall not transmit or receive interstate or intrastate simulcasting of a greyhound race in this Commonwealth for monetary remuneration.

A court of common pleas may impose a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 upon any person who violates this provision.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

Note: This legislation is about animal rights and preventing animal cruelty.

### **Existing Law**

Currently, 18 Pa.C.S. § 7516 (Act 36 of 2004) provides that a person who holds, conducts or operates a greyhound race for public exhibit in this Commonwealth for monetary remuneration commits a misdemeanor of the first degree.

### **Current Session Legislation**

House Bill 67, Printer's No. 66, (Schroder) is identical companion legislation introduced in the House this session and recently passed by the House of Representatives (200-0).

### **Prior Session Legislation**

[Session 2009-10] – Senate Bill 214, Printer's No. 1951, (Greenleaf) was identical legislation introduced in the prior session and passed by the Senate (47-0).

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 71 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON, ALLOWAY,  
M. WHITE, LEACH, MCILHINNEY AND BOSCOLA, JANUARY 12, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,  
JANUARY 12, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in other offenses, further providing  
3 for the offense of greyhound racing.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 7516 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 7516. Greyhound racing and simulcasting.

9 (a) Racing.--A person who holds, conducts or operates a  
10 greyhound race for public exhibition in this Commonwealth for  
11 monetary remuneration commits a misdemeanor of the first degree.

12 (b) Simulcasting.--

13 (1) A person shall not transmit or receive interstate or  
14 intrastate simulcasting of a greyhound race in this  
15 Commonwealth for monetary remuneration.

16 (2) A court of common pleas may impose a civil penalty  
17 of up to \$10,000 upon any person who violates this  
18 subsection.

1       Section 2.   This act shall take effect in 60 days.