



# Initiative Measure 258

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## Certain Cities—Greyhound Racing Franchises

AN ACT authorizing each city with a population over 150,000 to grant one franchise permitting greyhound racing meets; prescribing qualifications for franchises; authorizing parimutuel wagering; allowing franchisees ten percent of all moneys wagered; requiring payment of a tax of five percent of parimutuel machine gross receipts in lieu of all other taxes to the licensing city; authorizing the licensing city to pay not to exceed two and one-half percent of the net tax after subtracting costs to the county; and repealing inconsistent acts.

## Statement for

### What Initiative Measure 258 does

Enables Washington cities with more than 150,000 population—Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane—to grant one franchise each for conducting greyhound racing meets to any person who is, any unincorporated entity all of whose members are, or any corporation more than 60% of whose stock is owned by persons who are and have been citizens, residents and qualified electors of the state for 5 years.

Allows parimutuel wagering the same as is now allowed at horse racing meets in Seattle, Spokane and Yakima.

Provides for payment to the licensing city of 5% of the gross receipts of all parimutuel machines at each race meet as a privilege tax.

### Will Not Change Existing Racing or Affect Our Environment

Greyhound racing will not change our existing horse racing law nor interfere with this Washington industry, but will provide a new pollution-free industry of Washington bred greyhounds for families that would like to engage in the "sport of queens."

### Will Provide Employment and Provide New Revenue

A "For" vote on Initiative Measure No. 258 will create 3,000 new jobs statewide and provide an estimated six million dollar annual revenue to our larger populated areas.

Will create in excess of two million dollars voluntary new tax money for the three licensing cities thereby leaving more money from present revenue sources for smaller cities and counties.

### Encourage Tourism at Reasonable Prices

In those states—ten—where greyhound racing is licensed, 13,666,462 spectators, the 6th largest attendance nationally of all non-participant sports, attended racing meets.

Three states, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Alabama, have recently licensed greyhound meets.

### Only Completely Honest Racing!

As long ago as its issue of November 16, 1953, LIFE magazine, in the course of an article entitled "Background on Trotting Scandal", declared:

"The only completely honest racing in the world now is properly supervised greyhound racing."

In the adjacent state of Oregon greyhound racing has been conducted since 1933. In this 39 years "there have been no unusual problems in supervising race meetings". It has produced in excess of 25 million dollars in revenues for the state.

Oregon has both horse and greyhound racing meets and there have been no difficulties in their supervision.

VOTE "FOR" INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 258 TO PROVIDE JOBS, NEW INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND NEW VOLUNTARY TAX REVENUE PAID ONLY BY THOSE WHO ATTEND GREYHOUND RACES.

*Committee appointed to compose statement FOR Initiative Measure No. 258:*

AL HENRY, State Senator; DR. A. A. ADAMS, State Representative; P. J. (JIM) GALLAGHER, State Representative.

*Advisory Committee:* AUSTIN ST. LAURENT, Executive Secretary, Seattle Building and Construction Trades Council; JAMES K. BENDER, Executive Secretary, King County Labor Council, AFL-CIO; FRANK MCCRILLIS, Washington State Motel and Resort Owners Association.

## The Law as it now exists:

Under present law, the conduct of horse racing with parimutuel betting in this state is permitted, subject to the regulatory authority of a state horse racing commission. Parimutuel betting on horse races is allowed as a specific exception to a general prohibition against gambling.

No comparable laws currently exist in this state with respect to Greyhound dog racing.

## Effect of Initiative Measure No. 258 if approved into Law:

This initiative would authorize any city in this state having a population in excess of 150,000 persons (currently, Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma) to grant a single franchise each, permitting Greyhound racing meets to be conducted in the city at any time between the hours of 7 p.m., and midnight. The initiative would also authorize parimutuel wagering to be conducted at such franchised Greyhound racing meets.

The initiative would allow franchise holders (that is, Greyhound race track operators) to retain for their use and benefit ten percent of all money wagered. Additionally, franchise holders would be required to pay five percent of all money wagered to the licensing city as a privilege tax. The city would then be authorized to pay not more than two and one-half percent of the net proceeds of this tax (after payment of all costs of granting and supervising the franchise) to the county within which the race facilities are located.

The conduct in this state of any Greyhound racing meets *not* licensed by a city in the manner provided by the initiative would be declared to be a public nuisance.

*NOTE: Ballot title and the above explanatory comment were written by the Attorney General as required by state law. Complete text of Initiative Measure No. 258 starts on Page 54.*

## Statement against

### 1. It Imposes Virtually No Controls or Regulations on Dog Racing.

The proposal simply gives franchise holders a free hand. There is no racing commission and no public supervision. There is no protection for the public, the racing dogs, or the State. Dog racing would exist outside of the law.

### 2. Dog Racing Is a Form of Cruelty and Not a Sport.

Racing dogs are inhumanely bred and trained solely to chase a mechanical hare. Most pups are killed, and most racing dogs are gassed when their track days are over, since training makes them dangerous as pets. They are mere machines whose only purpose is to earn money—whatever the cruel cost.

### 3. The Initiative Opens the Door for Outside Racketeers and Criminals.

Scandals involving racketeers and organized crime have shaken dog racing in many states. This proposal would permit criminal elements from outside Washington to control racing here without restraints. Already criminal charges and scandals have resulted from dog racing initiatives here. This initiative is a dangerous threat to law and order in Washington.

### 4. The Initiative Could Mean Loss of Revenue for County Fairs and Shows.

It would almost certainly lead to a reduction of funds available for county fairs from horse racing parimutuels. Without this money, these fairs could disappear.

### 5. The Initiative Favors a Few Big Cities and Discriminates Against the Rest of the State.

The proposal permits licensing only by the big cities. Money goes to these cities with no requirement that any county share the funds. Only three counties would even be eligible to share the cities' allocations and then only if the cities are willing to give up the revenue.

### 6. The Initiative Would Hurt the Economy.

Although dog racing requires little investment, the proposal is a threat to Washington's multi-million dollar horse breeding industry.

**A NO prevents these many abuses.**

*Committee appointed to compose statement AGAINST Initiative No. 258:*

WILLIAM DAY, State Senator; GARY GRANT, State Representative; GERALD HOECK, Coordinator.

COMPLETE TEXT OF

## Initiative Measure 258

*Ballot Title as issued by the Attorney General:*

### **Certain Cities—Greyhound Racing Franchises**

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BE IT ENACTED, by the people  
of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to Title 67 RCW a new chapter as set forth in Sections 2 through 7 of this Act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Each city of the State of Washington of over one hundred fifty thousand population may grant not more than one franchise for conducting greyhound racing meets. A franchise once granted shall continue in effect so long as the holder thereof shall comply with all applicable laws of the state and the licensing municipality relating to greyhound racing, or until the right thereunder shall terminate by operation of law making greyhound racing unlawful, or forfeiture of the franchise by the holder thereof.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Any person who is, any unincorporated entity all of whose members are, or any corporation more than sixty per cent of whose stock is owned by persons who are and have been citizens, residents and qualified electors of the State of Washington for five years, desiring to conduct greyhound racing in any city authorized to grant a franchise shall file an application with such cities' licensing authority under such rules and regulations as it may prescribe not inconsistent with this chapter: PROVIDED, That all greyhound racing shall be conducted between the hours of 7:00 PM and midnight.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Any franchise holder conducting a greyhound racing meet may provide a place in the race meeting enclosure for the conducting and supervision of the pari-mutuel system of wagering and the same shall be lawful, other statutes of the state notwithstanding.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Each franchise holder under the provisions of this chapter shall withhold and retain for his, their or its own use and benefit ten per cent of all moneys wagered. In addition to any license fees levied hereunder by the licensor, the franchise holder shall withhold and pay to the licensing city five per cent of the gross receipts of all pari-mutuel machines at each race meet as a privilege tax: PROVIDED, That such licensor may pay not to exceed two and one-half per cent of such net tax after payment of all costs of granting and supervising the franchise to the county within which the race meeting enclosure is located.

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NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The tax provided in this chapter for a race meeting licensed hereunder shall be in lieu of all other licenses, privilege taxes, or charges by the state or any subdivision thereof for the privilege of conducting a race meet.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. Every greyhound race meet held in this state contrary to the provisions of this chapter is declared to be a public nuisance.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. If any provision of this Act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Act, or the application of the provisions to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

#### EXPLANATORY COMMENT

Initiative Measure No. 258 filed in the office of the Secretary of State as of January 7, 1972.

Sponsors filed 151,916 supporting signatures as of July 5, 1972.

Signatures found sufficient. Measure then certified to the November 7, 1972 state general election for approval or rejection by the voters.

COMPLETE TEXT OF

## Initiative Measure 261

*Ballot Title as issued by the Attorney General:*

### **Liquor Sales by Licensed Retailers**

AN ACT repealing existing statutes relating to the establishment and operation of state liquor stores; extending the state sales tax to sales of intoxicating liquor at retail; providing for the licensing of retailers of liquor and for the registration of each brand or label of liquor to be sold; and prohibiting the State of Washington from reselling any liquor either at retail or wholesale.

BE IT ENACTED, by the people  
of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. That RCW 66.16 (RCW 66.16.010 through RCW 66.16.090 inclusive) Enacted by Law Extraordinary Session 1933, Chapter 62, as amended, be repealed and that the State of Washington be prohibited from operating state liquor stores for the sale of liquor.

SECTION 2. That RCW 82.08.020 be amended so that the retail sales tax which now is applicable to the sale of intoxicating liquor by Washington State Liquor Stores be made applicable to sale of intoxicating liquor at retail.

SECTION 3. That the Washington State Legislature is hereby empowered to determine a licensing fee for retailers of liquor and a registration fee for the registration of each brand or label of liquor to be sold in the State of Washington.