

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0279

Pari-mutuel commission-distributions.

Sponsored by: House Appropriations Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to pari-mutuel wagering; providing for
2 distribution of fees as specified; providing for regular
3 transfers from the pari-mutuel account to the school
4 foundation program reserve account as specified; providing
5 for a one-time transfer from the pari-mutuel account to the
6 school foundation program reserve account; and providing for
7 an effective date.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-25-105(b)(ii), (iii), by creating a
12 new paragraph (iv) and (d) is amended to read:

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14 **11-25-105. Pari-mutuel permits; fees and reports;**
15 **disposition of funds; enforcement of provisions.**

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1 (b) Every Wednesday following any pari-mutuel event,
2 the permittee shall:

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4 (ii) Pay an amount equal to one-half percent
5 (1/2%) of the total amount wagered attributable to historic
6 pari-mutuel events and one and one-half percent (1 1/2%) of
7 the total amount wagered attributable to live pari-mutuel
8 events, shown by the report to the commission, to be credited
9 by the state treasurer to a separate account, in the manner
10 indicated in subsection (d) of this section; ~~and~~

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12 (iii) Pay an amount equal to one percent (1%) of
13 the total amount wagered attributable to historic pari-mutuel
14 events, shown by the report to the commission, to be
15 transferred by the commission to the county and the city or
16 town in which the permittee is located, in equal shares, or
17 to the county alone if the permittee is not located within
18 the boundaries of a city or town; ~~and~~

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20 (iv) Pay an amount equal to one-quarter percent
21 (0.25%) of the total amount wagered attributable to historic
22 pari-mutuel events, shown by the report to the commission, to

1 be credited to the common school account within the permanent
2 land fund.

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4 (d) All sums paid to the commission under this act
5 except contributions from permittees to the breeder award
6 fund, amounts paid under ~~paragraph~~ paragraphs (b)(iii) and
7 (iv) of this section, fines and penalties shall be credited
8 to the pari-mutuel account which shall be used by the
9 commission for the payment of all expenses incurred in
10 enforcing this act. On a quarterly basis, the commission shall
11 transfer amounts within the account in excess of one million
12 five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00) to the state
13 treasurer for credit to the school foundation program reserve
14 account created by W.S. 21-13-306.1. All fines and penalties
15 collected under this act shall be paid to the state treasurer
16 and credited as provided in W.S. 8-1-109. The state treasurer
17 shall pay out of the account all warrants drawn by the state
18 auditor, upon vouchers issued and signed by the president,
19 vice-president or executive secretary of the commission. The
20 commission shall keep an accurate and true account of all
21 funds received and all vouchers issued by the commission. All
22 funds received and all vouchers issued by the commission shall
23 be audited at least biennially by the director of the state

1 department of audit or his designee and a copy of the audit
2 shall be delivered within thirty (30) days after completion
3 to the governor and the commission. The costs of the audit
4 shall be borne by the commission. The members of the
5 commission shall receive per diem and mileage as provided in
6 W.S. 33-1-302(a)(vii), and compensation of fifty dollars
7 (\$50.00) for each day during which they are actually engaged
8 in the discharge of their duties. The total expenses incurred
9 by the commission shall not exceed the total amount in the
10 pari-mutuel account.

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12 **Section 2.** On the effective date of this act, the state
13 auditor shall transfer four million five hundred thousand
14 dollars (\$4,500,000.00) or as much thereof as is available
15 from unexpended and unobligated funds from the Wyoming
16 pari-mutuel account to the school foundation program reserve
17 account.

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19 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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