

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0008

Scratch tickets-outdoor recreation funding.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural  
Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming lottery; authorizing  
2 scratch-off ticket games; providing for the distribution of  
3 net proceeds attributable to scratch-off ticket games;  
4 creating an account; requiring funds in the account to be  
5 expended to support outdoor recreation as specified; making  
6 conforming amendments; authorizing the adoption of  
7 regulations; providing applicability; and providing for  
8 effective dates.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-17-129 is created to read:

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1           **9-17-129. Outdoor recreation office funding account;**  
2 **deposit of scratch-off ticket game proceeds;**  
3 **administration.**

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5 There is created the outdoor recreation office funding  
6 account. The state treasurer shall credit to the account  
7 those funds attributable to scratch-off ticket games as  
8 specified under W.S. 9-17-111(b). Interest and other  
9 earnings on funds within the account shall be credited to  
10 the account. Funds in the account shall be expended by the  
11 department of state parks and cultural resources upon  
12 appropriation by the legislature to support outdoor  
13 recreation areas and facilities.

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15           **Section 2.** W.S. 9-17-103(a)(vi), 9-17-108(a)(i) and  
16 9-17-111(b)(intro) are amended to read:

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18           **9-17-103. Definitions.**

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20           (a) As used in this chapter:

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22                   (vi) "Lottery," "lotteries," "lottery game" or  
23 "lottery games" means any game of chance approved by the

1 board and operated pursuant to this chapter, specifically  
2 limited to a state lottery, ~~or a~~ multi-state lottery and  
3 state and multi-state scratch-off ticket games, and shall  
4 not include other instant tickets, ~~scratch-off tickets,~~  
5 video lottery terminals or any other electronic game  
6 involving direct physical contact between the player and a  
7 machine;

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9 **9-17-108. Adoption by board of procedures regulating**  
10 **conduct of lottery games.**

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12 (a) The board may adopt regulations, policies and  
13 procedures regulating the conduct of lottery games in  
14 general, including, but not limited to, regulations,  
15 policies and procedures specifying:

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17 (i) The type of games to be conducted,  
18 specifically limited to a state lottery, ~~or a~~ multi-state  
19 lottery, and state and multi-state scratch-off ticket games  
20 and shall not include other instant-win tickets,  
21 ~~scratch-off ticket games,~~ video lottery terminals or any  
22 other electronic game involving direct physical contact  
23 between the player and a machine;

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2           **9-17-111. Disposition of lottery proceeds.**

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4           (b) On or before the fifteenth day of each quarter,  
5 the corporation shall transfer to the treasurer's office,  
6 for credit to the lottery account which is hereby created,  
7 at least seventy-five percent (75%) of ~~the~~all lottery game  
8 net proceeds from the preceding quarter. Final  
9 reconciliation of the transfer to the state under this  
10 subsection shall be determined at the end of each fiscal  
11 year based on the audited annual financial statements. Net  
12 proceeds attributable to scratch-off ticket games shall be  
13 accounted for separately from all other net proceeds. Upon  
14 their deposit into the account, any monies representing a  
15 deposit of net proceeds shall then become the unencumbered  
16 property of the state of Wyoming and the corporation shall  
17 have no power to agree or undertake otherwise. At least  
18 once per fiscal year, net proceeds attributable to  
19 scratch-off ticket games credited to the lottery account  
20 shall be paid by the state treasurer to the outdoor  
21 recreation office funding account created by W.S. 9-17-129.  
22 At least once per fiscal year, ~~these monies~~all other net  
23 proceeds credited to the lottery account shall be paid by

1 the treasurer to the treasurers of the counties, cities and  
2 towns for payment into their respective general funds. The  
3 percentage of the balance that will be distributed to each  
4 county and its cities and towns will be determined by  
5 computing the percentage that sales of lottery tickets  
6 collected by retailers in each county including its cities  
7 and towns bear to total sales of lottery tickets collected  
8 by retailers in all counties including their cities and  
9 towns. This percentage of the monies shall be distributed  
10 within each county as follows:

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12 **Section 3.** The amendments to W.S. 9-17-111(b) made by  
13 this act shall apply to net proceeds attributable to  
14 scratch-off ticket games generated on or after January 1,  
15 2023.

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17 **Section 4.** The Wyoming lottery corporation shall take  
18 action as necessary to bring scratch-off ticket games to  
19 market by January 1, 2023 or as soon thereafter as is  
20 practicable, including conducting market research, creating  
21 a launch strategy and distribution methodology and adopting  
22 regulations, policies or procedures relating to the conduct  
23 of scratch-off ticket games.

