

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0183

Pari-mutuel and gaming activities-amendments.

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to gaming; specifying the persons involved
 2 in horse racing activities, pari-mutuel wagering activities
 3 and other activities regulated by the Wyoming gaming
 4 commission who shall be subject to criminal background
 5 checks; specifying requirements for rules promulgated by
 6 the rulemaking authority of the Wyoming gaming commission;
 7 correcting a statutory reference; and providing for an
 8 effective date.

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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. 11-25-104(e), (f) and (k) is amended
 13 to read:

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1 11-25-104. Gaming commission; officers; director;
2 meetings; quorum; records; licenses generally; effect of
3 financial interest in events.

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5 (e) The commission may authorize by license or permit
6 and supervise all the conduct of all events provided for
7 and regulated by this act. The commission may make
8 reasonable rules for the control, supervision and direction
9 of applicants, permittees and licensees. The rules shall
10 include procedures for resolving scheduling conflicts and
11 settling disputes between permittees, for the supervising,
12 disciplining, suspending, fining and barring from
13 pari-mutuel events of all persons required to be licensed
14 or permitted by this act, and for the holding, conducting
15 and operating of all pari-mutuel events pursuant to this
16 act. The rules shall include requirements for internal
17 controls for all aspects of pari-mutuel wagering, including
18 procedures for system integrity, system security,
19 operations and accounting. The commission may require that
20 license applicants be fingerprinted for identification
21 purposes as a condition of licensing. The commission shall
22 announce the place, time and duration of pari-mutuel events
23 for which license or permit fees shall be required and

1 establish reasonable fees for all licenses and permits
2 provided for by this act. The fees shall be established to
3 ensure that the costs of administering this act are
4 recovered through the total revenues received under this
5 act. The commission shall establish security access
6 safeguards for licensees to use for advance deposit
7 pari-mutuel wagering. The commission shall prohibit advance
8 deposit pari-mutuel advertising that it determines to be
9 deceptive to the public.

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11 (f) Each permittee, ~~participant and employee of a~~
12 ~~permittee or participant who is directly involved in the~~
13 ~~horse racing or pari-mutuel wagering activities of the~~
14 ~~permittee or participant, as defined in commission rule and~~
15 ~~regulation, licensee and each person who, because of the~~
16 ~~person's employment, has access to restricted areas or~~
17 ~~animals housed on permitted event grounds for horse racing~~
18 ~~or for pari-mutuel or online sports wagering activities~~
19 shall be licensed by the commission and shall comply with
20 all rules and regulations and all orders issued by the
21 commission. No person shall hold any event with pari-mutuel
22 wagering without obtaining a permit. The following
23 employees, because of their employment, shall be subject to

1 commission review of criminal history record information in
2 accordance with subsection (k) of this section and shall
3 include but are not limited to:

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5 (i) The following pari-mutuel employees:

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7 (A) Pari-mutuel agents;

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9 (B) Exercise riders;

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11 (C) Owners;

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13 (D) Trainers, platers, groomers and pony
14 riders;

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16 (E) Trainer assistants and assistant
17 starters;

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19 (F) Mutuel employees;

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21 (G) Permittee employees;

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23 (H) Permittee officials;

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(J) Pari-mutuel service vendors.

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(ii) Operators and vendors of skill based
amusement games;

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(iii) Online sports wagering vendor executive
officers and online sports wagering operator executive
officers.

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(k) The commission shall access criminal history record information for all operators and vendors under article 3 of this chapter, ~~3 of this article~~ all employees specified in subsection (f) of this section and all licensees, permittees and employees of the commission under W.S. 9-1-627(d) for the purposes of this act. Every applicant for a permit or license under this act shall provide the commission fingerprints and other information necessary for a criminal history record background check as provided under W.S. 7-19-201.

1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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