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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

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 rulemaking; providing  
7 applicability; and providing for effective dates.

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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. 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) and by creating new  
16      paragraph (xvi), 9-17-108(a)(i) and 9-17-111(b)(intro) are  
17      amended to read:

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19           **9-17-103. Definitions.**

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21           (a) As used in this chapter:

1           (vi) "Lottery," "lotteries," "lottery game" or  
2 "lottery games" means any game of chance approved by the  
3 board and operated pursuant to this chapter, specifically  
4 limited to a state lottery, ~~or a~~ multi-state lottery and  
5 state and multi-state scratch-off ticket games, and shall  
6 not include other instant tickets, ~~scratch-off tickets,~~  
7 video lottery terminals or any other electronic game  
8 involving direct physical contact between the player and a  
9 machine;

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11           (xvi) "Scratch-off ticket" means a game ticket  
12 with a covering over the game symbols located in the play  
13 area that when scratched reveals a specific result.

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15           **9-17-108. Adoption by board of procedures regulating**  
16 **conduct of lottery games.**

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18           (a) The board may adopt regulations, policies and  
19 procedures regulating the conduct of lottery games in  
20 general, including, but not limited to, regulations,  
21 policies and procedures specifying:

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1 (i) The type of games to be conducted,  
2 specifically limited to a state lottery, ~~or a multi-state~~  
3 lottery and state and multi-state scratch-off ticket games,  
4 and shall not include other instant-win tickets,  
5 ~~scratch-off ticket games~~, video lottery terminals or any  
6 other electronic game involving direct physical contact  
7 between the player and a machine;

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

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11 (b) On or before the fifteenth day of each quarter,  
12 the corporation shall transfer to the treasurer's office,  
13 for credit to the lottery account which is hereby created,  
14 at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the net proceeds  
15 from the preceding quarter. Final reconciliation of the  
16 transfer to the state under this subsection shall be  
17 determined at the end of each fiscal year based on the  
18 audited annual financial statements. Net proceeds  
19 attributable to scratch-off ticket games shall be accounted  
20 for separately from all other net proceeds. Upon their  
21 deposit into the account, any monies representing a deposit  
22 of net proceeds shall then become the unencumbered property  
23 of the state of Wyoming and the corporation shall have no

1 power to agree or undertake otherwise. At least once per  
2 fiscal year, net proceeds attributable to scratch-off  
3 ticket games credited to the lottery account shall be paid  
4 by the state treasurer to the outdoor recreation office  
5 funding account created by W.S. 9-17-129. At least once per  
6 fiscal year, ~~these monies~~ all other net proceeds credited  
7 to the lottery account shall be paid by the treasurer to  
8 the treasurers of the counties, cities and towns for  
9 payment into their respective general funds. The percentage  
10 of the balance that will be distributed to each county and  
11 its cities and towns will be determined by computing the  
12 percentage that sales of lottery tickets collected by  
13 retailers in each county including its cities and towns  
14 bear to total sales of lottery tickets collected by  
15 retailers in all counties including their cities and towns.  
16 This percentage of the monies shall be distributed within  
17 each county as follows:

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19 **Section 3.** The amendments to W.S. 9-17-111(b) made by  
20 this act shall apply to net proceeds attributable to  
21 scratch-off ticket games generated on or after January 1,  
22 2024.

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**Section 4.** The Wyoming lottery corporation shall take action as necessary to bring scratch-off ticket games to market by January 1, 2024 or as soon thereafter as is practicable, including conducting market research, creating a launch strategy and distribution methodology and adopting rules relating to the conduct of scratch-off ticket games.

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8                   Section 5.

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10           (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this  
11 section, this act is effective January 1, 2024.

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(b) Sections 4 and 5 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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