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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Historic horse racing-permitting moratorium.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Lien

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to pari-mutuel wagering; temporarily
2 prohibiting the issuance of new permits to conduct and
3 expand simulcasting as specified; making conforming
4 amendments; providing for a sunset date; and providing for
5 an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-25-210 is created to read:

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11 **11-25-210. Temporary prohibition on new simulcasting**
12 **permits, locations and terminals; sunset date.**

1 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
2 chapter, for the period beginning on April 1, 2026 and
3 ending March 31, 2029, the commission shall not:

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5 (i) Issue any new pari-mutuel permits to conduct
6 simulcasting;

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8 (ii) Permit any new premises or satellite
9 facilities with historic horse racing terminals;

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11 (iii) Approve an increase in the number of
12 historic horse racing terminals authorized for a
13 permitholder above the number of terminals approved for the
14 permitholder by the commission as of April 1, 2026.

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16 (b) Subject to paragraph (a)(ii) and (iii) of this
17 section, permits issued prior to April 1, 2026 and which
18 are not expired or under revocation or suspension may be
19 renewed as provided in this chapter.

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21 (c) Subsections (a) and (b) of this section are
22 repealed effective April 1, 2029.

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1 **Section 2.** W.S. 11-25-104(e), (m) and 11-25-201(a)
2 are amended to read:

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4 **11-25-104. Gaming commission; officers; director;**
5 **meetings; quorum; records; licenses generally; effect of**
6 **financial interest in events.**

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8 (e) Subject to the temporary prohibition on new
9 simulcasting permits, satellite facilities and historic
10 horse racing terminals under W.S. 11-25-210, the commission
11 may authorize by license or permit and supervise all the
12 conduct of all events provided for and regulated by this
13 act. The commission may make reasonable rules for the
14 control, supervision and direction of applicants,
15 permittees and licensees. The rules shall include
16 procedures for resolving scheduling conflicts and settling
17 disputes between permittees, for the supervising,
18 disciplining, suspending, fining and barring from pari-
19 mutuel events of all persons required to be licensed or
20 permitted by this act, and for the holding, conducting and
21 operating of all pari-mutuel events pursuant to this act.
22 The rules shall include requirements for internal controls
23 for all aspects of pari-mutuel wagering, including

1 procedures for system integrity, system security,
2 operations and accounting. The commission may require that
3 license applicants be fingerprinted for identification
4 purposes as a condition of licensing. The commission shall
5 announce the place, time and duration of pari-mutuel events
6 for which license or permit fees shall be required and
7 establish reasonable fees for all licenses and permits
8 provided for by this act. The fees shall be established to
9 ensure that the costs of administering this act are
10 recovered through the total revenues received under this
11 act. The commission shall establish security access
12 safeguards for licensees to use for advance deposit pari-
13 mutuel wagering. The commission shall prohibit advance
14 deposit pari-mutuel advertising that it determines to be
15 deceptive to the public.

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17 (m) Subject to the temporary prohibition on new
18 simulcasting permits, satellite facilities and historic
19 horse racing terminals under W.S. 11-25-210, the commission
20 shall establish the number of actual live horse racing or
21 pari-mutuel event days required to qualify for a
22 simulcasting permit. The commission shall adopt rules
23 governing establishment of live horse racing or pari-mutuel

1 event days required for a simulcasting permit in a manner
2 that ensures fair and equitable involvement of all affected
3 parties, including consideration of the economic viability
4 of those days to permit applicants.

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6 **11-25-201. Pari-mutuel permits; fees and reports;
7 disposition of funds; enforcement of provisions.**

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9 (a) Subject to the temporary prohibition on new
10 simulcasting permits, satellite facilities and historic
11 horse racing terminals under W.S. 11-25-210, the commission
12 may issue pari-mutuel permits for a specified period not to
13 exceed three (3) years from the date of issuance to any
14 Wyoming county, city, incorporated town, county fair board
15 or any corporation or association which has been approved
16 by the board of county commissioners and provides a bond
17 acceptable to the commission. No permit shall be granted to
18 any city, town, county, county fair board or any
19 corporation or association except upon the express
20 condition that it shall not, by any lease, contract,
21 understanding or arrangement of whatever kind or nature,
22 grant, assign or turn over to any person, corporation or
23 association the operation or management of the pari-mutuel

1 event permitted under this act or of the pari-mutuel system
2 of wagering or in any manner permit any person, corporation
3 or association to retain any of the money received for
4 admission to the race meeting or from the operations of the
5 pari-mutuel system. The commission shall revoke the permit
6 of any permittee for any violation of the foregoing
7 condition and such acts are a violation of this act. The
8 permit is effective only for the times and at the places
9 for which issued. In addition to all other fees and
10 charges, there shall be charged before issuance of a permit
11 a daily fee established by the commission to defray
12 expenses of enforcing this act.

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14 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
15 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
16 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
17 Constitution.

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19 (END)