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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Pari-mutuel simulcasting amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Lien

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to pari-mutuel wagering; amending  
2 requirements, approval and restrictions for simulcasting  
3 permits, facilities and terminals as specified; requiring  
4 rulemaking; authorizing local zoning for simulcasting pari-  
5 mutuel wagering facilities; authorizing termination of  
6 nonconforming use as specified; specifying applicability;  
7 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. 11-25-102(a)(vii)(intro) and (B), 11-  
12 25-104(m), 11-25-201(a), 11-25-206 and 18-5-207(a) are  
13 amended to read:

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2       **11-25-102. Definitions.**

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4       (a) As used in this act:

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6               (vii) "Simulcasting" means the sale of  
7 pari-mutuel pools electronically transmitted live or  
8 historic on interstate or intrastate pari-mutuel events as  
9 prescribed by the commission. The commission shall  
10 authorize simulcasting subject to W.S. 11-25-204(m) and the  
11 following conditions:

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13               (B) Simulcasting may be conducted off the  
14 permitted premises of a live pari-mutuel event only if ~~the~~  
15 ~~board of county commissioners of the county in which such~~  
16 ~~simulcasting will be conducted grant [grants] its approval~~  
17 the applicant submits evidence to the commission that the  
18 simulcasting facility and operations comply with all  
19 applicable local zoning regulations, as required by the  
20 local government where the facility will be located. An  
21 applicant demonstrates compliance with this subparagraph as  
22 a matter of law if no applicable local zoning regulation  
23 exists;

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

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6       (m) With respect to simulcasting permits, the  
7 commission shall adopt rules to:

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9           (i) Establish the number of actual live horse  
10 racing or pari-mutuel event days required to qualify for a  
11 simulcasting permit. ~~The commission shall adopt rules~~  
12 ~~governing establishment of live horse racing or pari-mutuel~~  
13 ~~event days required for a simulcasting permit in a manner~~  
14 ~~that ensures~~ The rules shall ensure fair and equitable  
15 involvement of all affected parties, including  
16 consideration of the economic viability of those days to  
17 permit applicants; ~~:-~~

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19           (ii) Specify requirements for pari-mutuel  
20 wagering terminals operated under a simulcasting permit,  
21 including all of the following:

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1                   (A) No applicant shall be authorized to  
2 operate additional pari-mutuel wagering terminals at any  
3 location in the state if the applicant is authorized under  
4 a simulcasting permit to operate one (1) or more pari-  
5 mutuel wagering terminal at any location in the state that  
6 is not in use;

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8                   (B) A permit holder shall not operate more  
9 than one thousand two hundred (1,200) pari-mutuel wagering  
10 terminals in the state for each permitted live flat track  
11 on which the permit holder conducts a live horse race or  
12 other pari-mutuel event day required to qualify for a  
13 simulcasting permit under paragraph (i) of this subsection.

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15           **11-25-201. Pari-mutuel permits; fees and reports;**  
16 **disposition of funds; enforcement of provisions.**

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18           (a) The commission may issue pari-mutuel permits for  
19 a specified period not to exceed three (3) years from the  
20 date of issuance to any Wyoming county, city, incorporated  
21 town, county fair board or any corporation or association  
22 which has been approved by the board of county  
23 commissioners and provides a bond acceptable to the

1 commission. Approval by the board of county commissioners  
2 shall not be required for the issuance of simulcasting  
3 pari-mutuel permits. No permit shall be granted to any  
4 city, town, county, county fair board or any corporation or  
5 association except upon the express condition that it shall  
6 not, by any lease, contract, understanding or arrangement  
7 of whatever kind or nature, grant, assign or turn over to  
8 any person, corporation or association the operation or  
9 management of the pari-mutuel event permitted under this  
10 act or of the pari-mutuel system of wagering or in any  
11 manner permit any person, corporation or association to  
12 retain any of the money received for admission to the race  
13 meeting or from the operations of the pari-mutuel system.  
14 The commission shall revoke the permit of any permittee for  
15 any violation of the foregoing condition and such acts are  
16 a violation of this act. The permit is effective only for  
17 the times and at the places for which issued. In addition  
18 to all other fees and charges, there shall be charged  
19 before issuance of a permit a daily fee established by the  
20 commission to defray expenses of enforcing this act.  
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1       11-25-206. County elections as to pari-mutuel events;  
2 zoning powers of counties, cities and towns regarding  
3 simulcasting facilities.

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5       (a) No pari-mutuel event shall be held in any county  
6 until the question has been put to the people of the county  
7 to accept or reject pari-mutuel wagering. If the election  
8 fails no other election shall be held for two (2) years.

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10       (b) If the people of a county accept pari-mutuel  
11 wagering under subsection (a) of this section, the  
12 governing body of a city or town under W.S. 15-1-601  
13 through 15-1-611, or a board of county commissioners under  
14 W.S. 18-5-201 through 18-5-207, may regulate and restrict  
15 buildings and structures and the use, condition of use or  
16 occupancy of land operated as a simulcasting pari-mutuel  
17 wagering facility.

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19       (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
20 governing body of a city or town or a board of county  
21 commissioners may require the operation of a simulcasting  
22 pari-mutuel wagering facility to cease if the facility does  
23 not conform to a local zoning regulation described in

1 subsection (b) of this section. The local zoning  
2 regulation shall specifying a reasonable period in which  
3 the nonconforming use shall be required to cease that  
4 allows for the recovery or amortization of the investment  
5 in the nonconforming use.

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7 **18-5-207. Continuation of existing uses; effect of**  
8 **alteration or addition; future use after discontinuation of**  
9 **nonconforming use.**

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11 (a) A zoning resolution enacted under the provisions  
12 of W.S. 18-5-201 through 18-5-206 shall not prohibit the  
13 continuance of the use of any land, building or structure  
14 for the purpose for which the land, building or structure  
15 is used at the time the resolution is adopted, except as  
16 provided in W.S. 11-25-206 (b) and (c), and it is not  
17 necessary to secure any certificate permitting such  
18 continuance. However, the alteration or addition to any  
19 existing building or structure for the purpose of effecting  
20 any change in use may be regulated or prohibited by zoning  
21 resolution. If a nonconforming use is discontinued any  
22 future use of such land, building or structure shall be in  
23 conformity with the provisions of the resolution regulating

1 uses in the area in which the land, building or structure  
2 is located.

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4       **Section 2.** The Wyoming gaming commission shall  
5 promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

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7       **Section 3.** A person holding a simulcasting permit  
8 issued by the Wyoming gaming commission as of July 1, 2026  
9 shall be authorized to continue operation of a simulcasting  
10 facility until the expiration of the term of the permit,  
11 subject to the conditions of the existing permit and  
12 approval. Upon application for renewal of the permit the  
13 requirements of this act and any applicable rule or local  
14 zoning regulation adopted under this act shall apply.

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16       **Section 4.**

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18       (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of  
19 this section, this act is effective July 1, 2026.

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21       (b) Sections 2 and 4 of this act are effective  
22 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a



1 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of  
2 the Wyoming Constitution.

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4 (END)