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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Pari-mutuel wagering highway fund.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military
Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to gaming; requiring pari-mutuel funds paid
2 to the state to be deposited to the state highway fund; and
3 providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-25-201(b)(iii) and by creating a
8 new paragraph (v) and (d) is amended to read:

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10 **11-25-201. Pari-mutuel permits; fees and reports;**
11 **disposition of funds; enforcement of provisions.**

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1 (b) Every Wednesday following any pari-mutuel event,
2 the permittee shall:

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4 (iii) Pay an amount equal to one percent (1%) of
5 the total amount wagered attributable to historic
6 pari-mutuel events, shown by the report to the commission,
7 to be transferred by the commission to the county and the
8 city or town in which the permittee is located, in equal
9 shares, or to the county alone if the permittee is not
10 located within the boundaries of a city or town. The
11 county, city or town receiving an amount under this
12 paragraph may credit that amount to the state fair account
13 upon a majority vote of the county's, city's or town's
14 governing body; ~~and~~

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16 (v) Pay an amount equal to one percent (1%) of
17 the total amount wagered attributable to historic
18 pari-mutuel events and simulcasting, shown by the report to
19 the commission, to be credited to the state highway fund.

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21 (d) All sums paid to the commission under this act
22 except contributions from permittees to the breeder award
23 fund, amounts paid under paragraphs (b) (iii) ~~and (iv)~~

1 through (v) of this section, and fines and penalties shall
2 be credited to the pari-mutuel account which shall be used
3 by the commission for the payment of all expenses incurred
4 in enforcing this act. On a quarterly basis, the commission
5 shall transfer amounts within the account in excess of one
6 million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00) to
7 the state treasurer for credit to the legislative
8 stabilization reserve account. All fines and penalties
9 collected under this act shall be paid to the state
10 treasurer and credited as provided in W.S. 8-1-109. The
11 state treasurer shall pay out of the account all warrants
12 drawn by the state auditor, upon vouchers issued and signed
13 by the president, vice-president or executive secretary of
14 the commission. The commission shall keep an accurate and
15 true account of all funds received and all vouchers issued
16 by the commission. All funds received and all vouchers
17 issued by the commission shall be audited at least
18 biennially by the director of the state department of audit
19 or his designee and a copy of the audit shall be delivered
20 within thirty (30) days after completion to the governor
21 and the commission. The costs of the audit shall be borne
22 by the commission. The members of the commission shall
23 receive per diem and mileage as provided in W.S.

1 33-1-302(a)(vii), and compensation of fifty dollars
2 (\$50.00) for each day during which they are actually
3 engaged in the discharge of their duties. The total
4 expenses incurred by the commission shall not exceed the
5 total amount in the pari-mutuel account.

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9 **STAFF COMMENT**

10 The Committee may wish to consider whether to provide a
11 corresponding one percent (1%) decrease to the amount
12 permittees may retain under subsection (c) to prevent the
13 new one percent (1%) payment to the state highway fund from
14 reducing amounts otherwise available to players.

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16 (c) The permittee may retain an amount equal to
17 eighteen and four-tenths percent (18.40%) of the total
18 amount wagered attributable to historic pari-mutuel events
19 and simulcasting shown by the report and nineteen and four-
20 tenths percent (19.40%) of the total amount wagered
21 attributable to all other pari-mutuel events shown by the
22 report and may retain up to an additional five percent (5%)
23 of the amount wagered on multiple or exotic wagers. The
24 permittee shall retain the breakage on not more than ten
25 cents (\$.10) and retain unclaimed tickets not claimed
26 within one (1) year following the event for the expenses of
27 the race meet and purses and for the promotion of the
28 racing industry.

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32 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2027.

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34 (END)