

ENROLLED ACT NO. 119, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2019 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to pari-mutuel wagering; amending fees; providing for distribution of fees as specified; providing for regular transfers from the pari-mutuel account to the legislative stabilization reserve account as specified; providing for one-time transfers from the pari-mutuel account as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 11-25-105(b)(ii), (iii), by creating a new paragraph (iv) and (d) is amended to read:

11-25-105. Pari-mutuel permits; fees and reports; disposition of funds; enforcement of provisions.

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

(ii) Pay an amount equal to ~~one-half percent (1/2%)~~ one-quarter percent (1/4%) of the total amount wagered attributable to historic pari-mutuel events and one and one-half percent (1 1/2%) of the total amount wagered attributable to live pari-mutuel events, shown by the report to the commission, to be credited by the state treasurer to a separate account, in the manner indicated in subsection (d) of this section; ~~and~~

(iii) Pay an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the total amount wagered attributable to historic pari-mutuel events, shown by the report to the commission, to be transferred by the commission to the county and the city or town in which the permittee is located, in equal shares, or to the county alone if the permittee is not located within the boundaries of a city or town; ~~and~~ and

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(iv) Pay an amount equal to one-quarter percent (1/4%) of the total amount wagered attributable to historic pari-mutuel events, shown by the report to the commission, to be credited to the legislative stabilization reserve account.

(d) All sums paid to the commission under this act except contributions from permittees to the breeder award fund, amounts paid under ~~paragraph~~ paragraphs (b)(iii) and (iv) of this section, fines and penalties shall be credited to the pari-mutuel account which shall be used by the commission for the payment of all expenses incurred in enforcing this act. On a quarterly basis, the commission shall transfer amounts within the account in excess of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00) to the state treasurer for credit to the legislative stabilization reserve account. All fines and penalties collected under this act shall be paid to the state treasurer and credited as provided in W.S. 8-1-109. The state treasurer shall pay out of the account all warrants drawn by the state auditor, upon vouchers issued and signed by the president, vice-president or executive secretary of the commission. The commission shall keep an accurate and true account of all funds received and all vouchers issued by the commission. All funds received and all vouchers issued by the commission shall be audited at least biennially by the director of the state department of audit or his designee and a copy of the audit shall be delivered within thirty (30) days after completion to the governor and the commission. The costs of the audit shall be borne by the commission. The members of the commission shall receive per diem and mileage as provided in W.S. 33-1-302(a)(vii), and compensation of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each day during which they are actually engaged in the discharge of their duties. The total expenses incurred by the commission shall not exceed the total amount in the pari-mutuel account.

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Section 2.

(a) On the effective date of this act, there is appropriated two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) from the Wyoming pari-mutuel account to the animal damage management account created by W.S. 11-6-306. These funds are further appropriated from the animal damage management account for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2020 for the purpose of the Wyoming animal damage management program administered by the department of agriculture. This appropriation shall not be included in the department's 2020-2021 standard biennial budget request.

(b) On the effective date of this act and after the transfer under subsection (a) of this section, the state auditor shall transfer:

(i) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) or as much thereof as is available from unexpended and unobligated funds from the Wyoming pari-mutuel account to the state fair endowment account created by W.S. 11-10-118;

(ii) After the transfer under paragraph (i) of this subsection, two million three hundred thousand dollars (\$2,300,000.00) or as much thereof as is available from unexpended and unobligated funds from the Wyoming pari-mutuel account to the legislative stabilization reserve account.

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Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2019.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk