

SENATE FILE NO. SF0099

State fairgrounds-horse racing events.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Driskill, Boner, Burns, Hicks,
Meier and Moniz and Representative(s) Allen,
Clausen, Laursen, Lindholm, Sommers and
Walters

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the state fairgrounds; authorizing
2 pari-mutuel events to be conducted on the state
3 fairgrounds; directing fee distribution and revenue from
4 the pari-mutuel events to the state fair account; making
5 conforming amendments; requiring a feasibility study;
6 providing for an appropriation; and providing for an
7 effective date.

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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. 11-10-118 is created to read:

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13 **11-10-118. Pari-mutuel events on fairgrounds.**

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1 (a) The board may authorize on the state fairgrounds
2 the conduct of pari-mutuel events as defined in W.S.
3 11-25-102(a)(v). The events shall be conducted in
4 accordance with W.S. 11-25-101 through 11-25-113 and rules
5 promulgated by the pari-mutuel commission pursuant to those
6 sections, except that:

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8 (i) The events shall not be conducted during the
9 annual state fair;

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11 (ii) No county election shall be required under
12 W.S. 11-25-110.

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14 (b) Revenue generated from pari-mutuel events
15 conducted on the state fairgrounds shall be deposited in
16 the Wyoming state fair account.

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18 (c) Any simulcast events on the state fairgrounds
19 shall be conducted by a pari-mutuel permittee authorized
20 under W.S. 11-25-105. The board shall enter into an
21 agreement, subject to the competitive bid process as
22 provided in W.S. 9-2-1016(b)(iv)(A) through (C), with a

1 pari-mutuel permittee authorized under W.S. 11-25-105 to
2 conduct a simulcast event on the state fairgrounds.

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4 **Section 2.** W.S. 11-10-107 and 11-25-105(b)(iii) are
5 amended to read:

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7 **11-10-107. Power of board to acquire land; authority**
8 **to make rules and regulations; renting and use of**
9 **fairgrounds; prohibitions.**

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11 The board may acquire by donation or lease in the name of
12 the state any lands necessary for conducting the state
13 fair, and may make all rules and regulations necessary for
14 the conduct and government of the exhibitions, the sale of
15 privileges, and the proper control, operation and conduct
16 of the state fair not inconsistent with the constitution
17 and laws of this state. The board may rent out or donate
18 the use of the state fairgrounds for stabling and training
19 stock and holding stock sales. The grounds may be used free
20 of charge for encampment grounds for the state militia
21 under the direction of the adjutant general of the state.
22 The board may permit the grounds and facilities to be used
23 for other purposes and may charge fees as it deems

1 necessary to pay the expenses of maintaining the grounds
2 and facilities. The board shall not permit any gambling
3 device ~~of any nature~~ to be operated on the grounds except
4 as provided by W.S. 11-10-118, or permit any unlawful
5 betting, or permit any intoxicating liquors to be sold
6 thereon except as provided by W.S. 12-4-505.

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8 **11-25-105. Pari-mutuel permits; fees and reports;**
9 **disposition of funds; enforcement of provisions.**

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

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14 (iii) Pay an amount equal to one percent (1%) of
15 the total amount wagered attributable to historic
16 pari-mutuel events, shown by the report to the commission,
17 to be transferred by the commission to the county and the
18 city or town in which the permittee is located, in equal
19 shares, or to the county alone if the permittee is not
20 located within the boundaries of a city or town, excluding
21 live and historic pari-mutuel events conducted on the state
22 fairgrounds and in Converse county, which shall be credited
23 to the state fair account.

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2 **Section 3.**

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4 (a) The state fair advisory board shall contract for
5 a feasibility study on pari-mutuel events on the state
6 fairgrounds. The results of the study shall be reported to
7 the state fair advisory board and the pari-mutuel
8 commission.

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10 (b) There is appropriated two million dollars
11 (\$2,000,000.00) from the pari-mutuel account in W.S.
12 11-25-105(d) to the board for the purposes of this act. Of
13 this appropriation, up to one hundred thousand dollars
14 (\$100,000.00) shall be used for the feasibility study
15 required in subsection (a) of this section. This
16 appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the
17 effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2020.
18 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
19 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
20 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
21 remaining from this appropriation shall revert to the
22 pari-mutuel account on June 30, 2020.

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1 **Section 4.** This act is effective September 1, 2018.

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