



SF0045

Local approval for simulcasting.

Sponsored By: Management Council

AN ACT relating to pari-mutuel wagering; specifying requirements for simulcasting permits, including historic horse racing terminals; requiring approval by a city, town or county for the issuance of a simulcasting permit as specified; authorizing conditions and revocation of approval; authorizing appeals; amending enforcement requirements; conforming provisions; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

1/13/2026 Bill Number Assigned
1/14/2026 S Received for Introduction
2/9/2026 S Introduced and Referred to S01 - Judiciary 28-3-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: (s) Anderson, Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Case, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Gierau, Hicks, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, Love, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Pearson, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Steinmetz

Nays: (s) Hutchings, Ide, Mckeown

Ayes 28 **Nays** 3 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/13/2026 S01 - Judiciary:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 5-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Crago, Crum, Hicks, Kolb, Olsen

Ayes 5 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/13/2026 S Placed on General File

SF0045SS001/ADOPTED

Page 2-line 18 After "commission" insert "off the permitted premises".

Page 7-line 2 After "approval" insert "or renewal".

Page 8-line 18 Delete "acted" and insert "been found".

Page 9-line 7 Delete "jurisdiction" and insert "vicinity".

Page 9-line 13 Delete "During the pendency of the".

Page 9-lines 14 through 16 Delete entirely.

Page 10-lines 5 through 9 Delete entirely and insert:

"(k) Subject to the approval of the local approving authority, the transfer of an existing simulcasting permit involving a change of location within the same local approving authority's area of jurisdiction shall be treated as a renewal of a simulcasting permit. A transfer involving a change of location outside of the current local approving authority's area of jurisdiction shall be treated as a new application and shall be subject to all application, review and approval requirements applicable to a new simulcasting permit."

Page 11-line 3 Delete "or deny an" and insert ", deny or revoke a site-specific".

Page 13-line 15 Delete "June 30" and insert "December 31". OLSEN,
CHAIRMAN

2/16/2026 S COW:Passed
2/17/2026 S 2nd Reading:Passed
2/18/2026 S 3rd Reading:Passed 28-2-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Case, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, Love, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Pearson, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Steinmetz

Nays: Senator(s) Ide, Mckeown

Excused: Senator Cooper

Ayes 28 **Nays** 2 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/18/2026 H Received for Introduction
2/19/2026 H Introduced and Referred to H09 - Minerals
2/20/2026 H09 - Minerals:Recommend Do Pass 9-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Campbell, K, Heiner, Knapp, Larson, Lawley, Riggins, Schmid, Tarver, Webber

Ayes 9 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/20/2026 H Placed on General File
2/24/2026 H COW:Passed

SF0045H2001/FAILED

(TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Page 10-line 15 After "11-25-104(g) (intro)" insert ", (m)".

Page 12-after line 2 Insert:

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

(i) Establish the number of actual live horse racing or pari-mutuel event days required to qualify for a simulcasting permit. ~~The commission shall adopt rules governing establishment of live horse racing or pari-mutuel event days required for a simulcasting permit in a manner that ensures~~ as provided in this paragraph. Not less than sixteen (16) of the live horse racing event days shall be conducted on the permitted track for which the permitholder was first authorized to conduct live horse racing to qualify for a simulcasting permit under this act. The rules shall ensure fair and equitable involvement of all affected parties, including consideration of the economic viability of those days to permit applicants;-

(ii) Specify requirements for historic horse racing terminals operated under a simulcasting permit, including all of the following:

(A) No permitholder shall be authorized to operate additional terminals at any location in the state if the permitholder is authorized to operate one (1) or more terminals under a simulcasting permit at any location in the state that are not in use;

(B) On and after July 1, 2028, no permitholder shall be authorized to operate more than the following number of terminals in the state:

(I) One thousand two hundred (1,200) terminals for each permitted track that is equal to or greater than seven-eighths (7/8) of a mile in length and on which the permitholder conducts a live horse racing day required to qualify for a simulcasting permit under paragraph (i) of this subsection;

(II) One thousand (1,000) terminals for each permitted track that is less than seven-eighths (7/8) of a mile in length and on which the permitholder conducts a live horse racing day required to qualify for a simulcasting permit under paragraph (i) of this subsection.". JOHNSON, WEBB

SF0045H2002/ADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Page 4-after line 23 Insert:

"(vi) Notwithstanding any other law and except as provided by subsection (e)(ii) of this section, counties, towns and municipalities shall not charge a monetary fee to obtain a simulcasting permit or renewal.". LIEN

2/25/2026 H 2nd Reading:Passed

SF0045H3001/WITHDRAWN

SF0045H3002/WITHDRAWN

SF0045H3003/ADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Delete the Campbell, K third reading amendment (SF0045H3001/A) entirely and further amend as follows:

Page 7-after line 22 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"(vi) May deny an application for a new permit if:

(A) The welfare of the people residing in the vicinity of the proposed simulcasting permit premises will be adversely and seriously affected;

(B) The number and location of existing simulcasting permits meet the needs of the vicinity under consideration; or

(C) The desires of the residents of the county, city or town will not be met or satisfied by issuance of the simulcasting permit. If a county, city or town invokes this provision under this subparagraph, no new simulcasting permits shall be issued within that jurisdiction. A county, city or town may rescind the prohibition at any time by submitting a resolution to the commission. A county, city or town that rescinds a prior prohibition shall not thereafter prohibit simulcasting under this subparagraph."

Page 8-line 1 Delete "(vi)" and insert "(vii)".

Page 8-line 4 Delete "(vii)" and insert "(viii)".

Page 9-lines 6 through 8 Delete entirely.

Page 9-line 10 After "denial" insert "of approval, denial".

Page 9-line 17 After "filed" insert ".".

Page 9-lines 18 through 23 Delete entirely. LAWLEY

2/26/2026 H 3rd Reading:Passed 57-3-2-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, E, Campbell, K, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Filer, Fornstrom, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Jarvis, Johnson, Knapp, Larsen, L, Larson, Jt, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Nicholas, Ottman, Pendergraft, Provenza, Riggins, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Sherwood, Singh, Smith, Storer, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie

Nays: Representative(s) Chestek, Posey, Yin

Excused: Representative(s) Erickson, Kelly

Ayes 57 **Nays** 3 **Excused** 2 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/26/2026 S Received for Concurrence

3/3/2026 S Concur:Failed 0-30-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

Nays: Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Case, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, Love, Mckeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Pearson, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Steinmetz

Excused: Senator Jones

Ayes 0 **Nays** 30 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

3/3/2026 S Appointed JCC01 Members

Senator(s) Olsen, Crago, Kolb

3/3/2026 H Appointed JCC01 Members

Representative(s) Lien, Chestek, Guggenmos

3/4/2026 S Adopted SF0045JC001: 30-1-0-0-0

JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Reference House Message No. 217

SF0045JC001/SADOPTEDHADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Delete the following House amendments:

SF0045H2002/AE

SF0045H3003/AE

Further amend the ENGROSSED COPY as follows:

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"(vi) Except as provided by paragraph (e)(ii) of this section, counties, towns and municipalities shall not charge a monetary fee to obtain a simulcasting permit or renewal that exceeds the actual costs of issuing the permit or renewal.". OLSEN, CRAGO, KOLB, LIEN, CHESTEK, GUGGENMOS

ROLL CALL

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Nays: Senator Ide

Ayes 30 **Nays** 1 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

3/4/2026 H Adopted SF0045JC001: 60-0-2-0-0

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Excused: Representative(s) Kelly, Posey

Ayes 60 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 2 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

3/4/2026 Assigned Number SEA No. 0051
3/5/2026 S President Signed SEA No. 0051
3/5/2026 H Speaker Signed SEA No. 0051
3/6/2026 Governor Signed SEA No. 0051
3/6/2026 Assigned Chapter Number 72

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