

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0136

Pari-mutuel wagering-highway fund.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Nicholas

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to gaming; requiring the disposition of
2 pari-mutuel funds paid to the state to be deposited to the
3 state highway fund; and 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)(intro), (iii) and by
8 creating a 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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13 (b) Every Wednesday following any pari-mutuel event,
14 the permittee shall complete all of the following:

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

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

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18 (d) All sums paid to the commission under this act
19 except contributions from permittees to the breeder award
20 fund, amounts paid under paragraphs (b)(iii) ~~and (iv)~~
21 through (v) of this section, ~~and~~ fines and penalties shall
22 be credited to the pari-mutuel account which shall be used
23 by the commission for the payment of all expenses incurred

1 in enforcing this act. On a quarterly basis, the commission
2 shall transfer amounts within the account in excess of one
3 million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00) to
4 the state treasurer for credit to the legislative
5 stabilization reserve account. All fines and penalties
6 collected under this act shall be paid to the state
7 treasurer and credited as provided in W.S. 8-1-109. The
8 state treasurer shall pay out of the account all warrants
9 drawn by the state auditor, upon vouchers issued and signed
10 by the president, vice-president or executive secretary of
11 the commission. The commission shall keep an accurate and
12 true account of all funds received and all vouchers issued
13 by the commission. All funds received and all vouchers
14 issued by the commission shall be audited at least
15 biennially by the director of the state department of audit
16 or his designee and a copy of the audit shall be delivered
17 within thirty (30) days after completion to the governor
18 and the commission. The costs of the audit shall be borne
19 by the commission. The members of the commission shall
20 receive per diem and mileage as provided in W.S.
21 33-1-302(a)(vii), and compensation of fifty dollars
22 (\$50.00) for each day during which they are actually
23 engaged in the discharge of their duties. The total

1 expenses incurred by the commission shall not exceed the
2 total amount in the pari-mutuel account.

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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