

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; requiring the operation and maintenance of
4 suitable horse racing facilities on the state fairgrounds
5 as specified; directing profits from the pari-mutuel events
6 to the state fair account; requiring the pari-mutuel
7 commission to issue a pari-mutuel permit as specified;
8 making conforming amendments; providing for an
9 appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

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13 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-10-118 is created to read:

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1 **11-10-118. Pari-mutuel events on fairgrounds.**

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3 (a) The board shall authorize on the state
4 fairgrounds the conduct of pari-mutuel events as defined in
5 W.S. 11-25-102(a)(v). The events shall not be conducted
6 during the annual state fair. The events shall be
7 conducted in accordance with W.S. 11-25-101 through
8 11-25-113 and rules promulgated by the pari-mutuel
9 commission pursuant to those sections, except that:

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

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14 (ii) No bond shall be required under W.S.
15 11-25-111;

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17 (iii) No fees shall be charged by the
18 pari-mutuel commission to the board for issuance of a
19 pari-mutuel permit;

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21 (iv) No amounts shall be credited to the
22 pari-mutuel account under W.S. 11-25-105(b)(ii).

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1 (b) The board shall ensure suitable facilities for
2 live flat track horse racing events and other horse racing
3 events are operated and maintained on the state
4 fairgrounds. The board may enter into agreements with
5 Converse county or private entities to develop, operate and
6 maintain the facilities, provided that the state shall
7 retain ownership of any facility on the fairgrounds.

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9 (c) Profits generated from pari-mutuel events
10 conducted on the state fairgrounds shall be deposited in
11 the Wyoming state fair account.

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13 **Section 2.** W.S. 11-10-107 and 11-25-105(d) and by
14 creating a new subsection (n) are amended to read:

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16 **11-10-107. Power of board to acquire land; authority**
17 **to make rules and regulations; renting and use of**
18 **fairgrounds; prohibitions.**

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20 The board may acquire by donation or lease in the name of
21 the state any lands necessary for conducting the state
22 fair, and may make all rules and regulations necessary for
23 the conduct and government of the exhibitions, the sale of

1 privileges, and the proper control, operation and conduct
2 of the state fair not inconsistent with the constitution
3 and laws of this state. The board may rent out or donate
4 the use of the state fairgrounds for stabling and training
5 stock and holding stock sales. The grounds may be used free
6 of charge for encampment grounds for the state militia
7 under the direction of the adjutant general of the state.
8 The board may permit the grounds and facilities to be used
9 for other purposes and may charge fees as it deems
10 necessary to pay the expenses of maintaining the grounds
11 and facilities. The board shall not permit any gambling
12 device ~~of any nature~~ to be operated on the grounds except
13 as provided by W.S. 11-10-118, or permit any unlawful
14 betting, or permit any intoxicating liquors to be sold
15 thereon except as provided by W.S. 12-4-505.

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17 **11-25-105. Pari-mutuel permits; fees and reports;**
18 **disposition of funds; enforcement of provisions.**

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20 (d) All sums paid to the commission under this act
21 except contributions from permittees to the breeder award
22 fund, amounts paid under paragraph (b)(iii) of this
23 section, fines and penalties shall be credited to the

1 pari-mutuel account which shall be used by the commission
2 for the payment of all expenses incurred in enforcing this
3 act and as directed by the legislature. All fines and
4 penalties collected under this act shall be paid to the
5 state treasurer and credited as provided in W.S. 8-1-109.
6 The state treasurer shall pay out of the account all
7 warrants drawn by the state auditor, upon vouchers issued
8 and signed by the president, vice-president or executive
9 secretary of the commission. The commission shall keep an
10 accurate and true account of all funds received and all
11 vouchers issued by the commission. All funds received and
12 all vouchers issued by the commission shall be audited at
13 least biennially by the director of the state department of
14 audit or his designee and a copy of the audit shall be
15 delivered within thirty (30) days after completion to the
16 governor and the commission. The costs of the audit shall
17 be borne by the commission. The members of the commission
18 shall receive per diem and mileage as provided in W.S.
19 33-1-302(a)(vii), and compensation of fifty dollars
20 (\$50.00) for each day during which they are actually
21 engaged in the discharge of their duties. The total
22 expenses incurred by the commission shall not exceed the
23 total amount in the pari-mutuel account.

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2 (n) The commission shall issue a pari-mutuel permit
3 to the board to conduct pari-mutuel events on the state
4 fairgrounds as authorized by W.S. 11-10-118. The provisions
5 of this act shall apply to pari-mutuel events conducted on
6 the state fairgrounds except as otherwise provided in W.S.
7 11-10-118.

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9 **Section 3.** There is appropriated two million dollars
10 (\$2,000,000.00) from the pari-mutuel account referenced in
11 W.S. 11-25-105(d) to the board for the purpose of
12 developing, operating and maintaining suitable facilities
13 for horse racing events on the state fairgrounds as
14 required by W.S. 11-10-118, as created by section 1 of this
15 act. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning
16 with the effective date of this act and ending June 30,
17 2020. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
18 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
19 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
20 remaining from this appropriation shall revert to the
21 pari-mutuel account on June 30, 2020.

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

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