

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2023 REGULAR SESSION**

**ENROLLED**

**Committee Substitute**

**for**

**Senate Bill 579**

By Senators Tarr and Swope

[Passed March 10, 2023; in effect from passage]

1 AN ACT recognizing and declaring certain claims against agencies of the state to be moral  
2 obligations of the state; and directing the Auditor to issue warrants for the payment thereof.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**§1. Finding and declaring certain claims against the Racing Commission to be moral obligations of the state and directing payments thereof.**

1 The Legislature has heretofore made findings of fact that the state has received the benefit  
2 of the commodities received and/or services rendered by certain claimants herein and has  
3 considered these claims against the state, and agency thereof, which have arisen due to over-  
4 expenditures of the departmental appropriations by officers of the state spending units, the claims  
5 having been previously considered by the Legislative Claims Commission which also found that  
6 the state has received the benefit of the commodities received and/or services rendered by the  
7 claimants, but were denied by the Legislative Claims Commission on the purely statutory grounds  
8 that to allow the claims would be condoning illegal acts contrary to the laws of the state. The  
9 Legislature, pursuant to its findings of fact and also by the adoption of the findings of fact by the  
10 Legislative Claims Commission as its own, while not condoning such illegal acts, hereby declares  
11 it to be the moral obligation of the state to pay these claims in the amounts specified below and  
12 directs the Auditor to issue warrants upon receipt of properly executed requisitions supported by  
13 itemized invoices, statements, or other satisfactory documents as required by §12-3-10 of the  
14 Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, for the payments thereof out of any fund appropriated  
15 and available for the purpose.

*Claims against the Racing Commission:*

(TO BE PAID FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND)

(1) Michelle Helms ..... \$16,219.58