## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

**FOR** 

## H. B. 2958

(BY DELEGATES DOYLE, SWARTZMILLER, GUTHRIE AND MORGAN)

(Originating in the Committee on Finance) [February 25, 2011]

A BILL to amend and reenact §19-23-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to allowing the West Virginia Racing Commission to use certain permit and registration fees to pay salaries and other budgeted expenses; and providing that judges and the Racing Commission may also impose penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §19-23-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

## ARTICLE 23. HORSE AND DOG RACING.

## §19-23-14. Disposition of permit fees, registration fees and fines civil penalties.

- 1 (a) All permit fees, and fees paid for the registration of
- 2 colors or assumed names collected by the Racing
- 3 Commission shall be paid by the commission to the State
- 4 Treasurer for deposit in the Racing Commission's general
- 5 administrative account. and
- 6 (b) fines All civil penalties imposed by the stewards,
- 7 starters or other racing officials judges or the commission
- 8 shall be paid into a relief fund and paid out on the order of
- 9 the Racing commission for hospitalization, medical care and
- 10 funeral expenses occasioned by injuries or death resulting
- from an accident sustained by any permit holder while in the
- 12 discharge of his <u>or her</u> duties under the jurisdiction of the
- 13 Racing Commission: *Provided*, That (1) No payment shall
- 14 may be made however, from the relief fund for any

hospitalization, medical care or funeral expenses as to any of 15 a permit holder who is covered under the by workers' 16 compensation fund of this state or any an insurance policy 17 18 providing payments for hospitalization, medical care or funeral expenses; and (2) Any balance in said relief fund at 19 any time in excess of five thousand dollars, any balance in 20 the relief fund in excess of \$5,000, less any relief obligations 21 22 then outstanding obligations, shall thereupon be transferred by the Racing Commission to the State Treasurer 23 24 for deposit to the credit of the General Revenue Fund of this 25 state.