

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Senate Bill 76

By Senators Weld and Smith

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to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §29-22A-10b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
 2 relating to modifying the requirement that a racetrack must have participated in the West
 3 Virginia Thoroughbred Development Fund since January 1, 1999, or before in order for
 4 counties to receive two percent of the net terminal income where the video lottery terminals
 5 are located.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 22A. RACETRACK VIDEO LOTTERY.

§29-22A-10b. Distribution of excess net terminal income.

1 (a) For all years beginning on or after July 1, 2001, any amount of net terminal income
 2 generated annually by a licensed racetrack in excess of the amount of net terminal income
 3 generated by that licensed racetrack during the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2001, shall be
 4 divided as follows:

5 (1) The Commission shall receive 41 percent of net terminal income, which the
 6 Commission shall deposit in the state Excess Lottery Revenue Fund created in §29-22-18a of this
 7 code;

8 (2) Until July 1, 2005, eight percent of net terminal income at a licensed racetrack shall be
 9 deposited in the special fund established by the licensee and used for payment of regular purses
 10 in addition to other amounts provided in §19-23-1 *et seq.* of this code; on and after July 1, 2005,
 11 the rate shall be four percent of net terminal income;

12 (3) The county where the video lottery terminals are located shall receive two percent of
 13 the net terminal income: *Provided, That:*

14 (A) Any amount by which the total amount under this section and §29-22A-10(c)(3) of this
 15 code is in excess of the two percent received during fiscal year 1999 by a county in which a
 16 racetrack that offers thoroughbred horse racing is located that has participated in the West Virginia
 17 thoroughbred development fund since on or before January 1, 1999 shall be divided as follows:

18 (i) The county shall receive 50 percent of the excess amount; and

19 (ii) The municipalities of the county shall receive 50 percent of the excess amount, the 50
20 percent to be divided among the municipalities on a per capita basis as determined by the most
21 recent decennial United States census of population; and

22 (B) Any amount by which the total amount under this section and §29-22A-10(c)(3) of this
23 code is in excess of the two percent received during fiscal year 1999 by a county in which a
24 racetrack other than a racetrack described in paragraph (A) of this ~~proviso~~ subdivision is located
25 and where the racetrack has been located in a municipality within the county since ~~on or before~~
26 January 1, 1999 or before, shall be divided, if applicable, as follows:

27 (i) The county shall receive 50 percent of the excess amount; and

28 (ii) The municipality shall receive 50 percent of the excess amount; and

29 (C) This proviso shall not affect the amount to be received under this subdivision by any
30 county other than a county described in paragraph (A) or (B) of this ~~proviso~~ subdivision;

31 (4) One half of one percent of net terminal income shall be paid for and on behalf of all
32 employees of the licensed racing association by making a deposit into a special fund to be
33 established by the Racing Commission to be used for payment into the pension plan for all
34 employees of the licensed racing association;

35 (5) The West Virginia Thoroughbred Development Fund created under §19-23-13b of this
36 code and the West Virginia greyhound breeding development fund created under §19-23-10 of
37 this code shall receive an equal share of a total of not less than one and one-half percent of the net
38 terminal income.

39 (6) The West Virginia Racing Commission shall receive one percent of the net terminal
40 income which shall be deposited and used as provided in §19-23-13c of this code;

41 (7) A licensee shall receive 42 percent of net terminal income;

42 (8) The tourism promotion fund established in ~~section twelve, article two, chapter five-b~~
43 §5B-21-6 of this code shall receive three percent of the net terminal income: *Provided*, That for
44 each fiscal year beginning after June 30, 2004, this three percent of net terminal income shall be

45 distributed pursuant to the provisions of §29-22A-10(c)(8)(B) of this code;

46 (9) (A) On and after July 1, 2005, four percent of net terminal income shall be deposited
47 into the Workers' Compensation Debt Reduction Fund created in §23-2D-5 of this code: *Provided,*
48 That in any fiscal year when the amount of money generated by this subdivision together with the
49 total allocation transferred by the operation of §29-22A-10(c)(9) of this code totals \$11,000,000, all
50 subsequent distributions under this subdivision ~~(9)~~ during that fiscal year shall be deposited in the
51 special fund established by the licensee and used for payment of regular purses in addition to
52 other amounts provided in §19-23-1 *et seq.* of this code;

53 (B) The deposit of the four percent of net terminal income into the ~~Worker's~~ Workers'
54 Compensation Debt Reduction Fund pursuant to this subdivision shall expire and not be imposed
55 with respect to these funds, which shall be deposited in the special fund established by the
56 licensee and used for payment of regular purses in addition to the other amounts provided in §19-
57 23-1 *et seq.* of this code on and after the first day of the month following the month in which the
58 Governor certifies to the Legislature that: (i) The revenue bonds issued pursuant to §23-2D-1 *et*
59 *seq.* of this code have been retired or payment of the debt service is provided for; and (ii) that an
60 independent certified actuary has determined that the unfunded liability of the Old Fund, as
61 defined in Chapter 23 of this code, has been paid or provided in its entirety; and

62 (10) (A) One percent of the net terminal income shall be deposited in equal amounts in the
63 capitol dome and improvements fund created under §5A-4-2 of this code and cultural facilities and
64 ~~capitol~~ Capital Resources Matching Grant Program Fund created under §29-1-3 of this code; and

65 (B) Notwithstanding any provision of paragraph (A) of this subdivision to the contrary, for
66 each fiscal year beginning after June 30, 2004, this one percent of net terminal income shall be
67 distributed pursuant to the provisions of ~~of~~ §29-22A-10(c)(9)(B)(ii) of this code.

68 (b) The Commission may establish orderly and effective procedures for the collection and
69 distribution of funds under this section in accordance with the provisions of this section and §29-
70 22A-10 of this code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to modify the requirement that a racetrack must have participated in the West Virginia Thoroughbred Development Fund since January 1, 1999, or before in order for counties to receive two percent of the net terminal income where the video lottery terminals are located.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.