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## ENROLLED Senate Bill No. 18

(By SENATOR SNYDER)

[Passed April 14, 2001; to take effect July 1, 2001.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections nine and thirteen, article twenty-three, chapter nineteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, all relating to the pension funds for racetrack personnel; the distribution of proceeds from the purse fund to provide funds for pension and retirement benefits for eligible active, West Virginia backstretch personnel including but not limited to, exercise riders, trainers, grooms and stable foremen and their dependents; and the distribution of funds from pari-mutuel uncashed tickets to provide funds for health and disability benefits for eligible active or disabled West Virginia jockeys; and definitions.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections nine and thirteen, article twenty-three, chapter nineteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

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#### CHAPTER 19. AGRICULTURE.

#### ARTICLE 23. HORSE AND DOG RACING.

PART VI. PARI-MUTUEL SYSTEM OF WAGERING AUTHORIZED; COMMISSIONS DEDUCTED FROM PARI-MUTUEL POOLS.

# §19-23-9. Pari-mutuel system of wagering authorized; licensee authorized to deduct commissions from parimutuel pools; retention of breakage; auditing; minors.

- 1 (a) The pari-mutuel system of wagering upon the results
- 2 of any horse or dog race at any horse or dog race meeting
- 3 conducted or held by any licensee is hereby authorized, if
- 4 and only if such pari-mutuel wagering is conducted by the
- 5 licensee within the confines of the licensee's horse race-
- 6 track or dog racetrack and the provisions of section one,
- 7 article ten, chapter sixty-one of this code relating to
- 8 gaming, shall not apply to the pari-mutuel system of
- 9 wagering in manner and form as provided for in this
- 10 article at any horse or dog race meeting within this state
- 11 where horse or dog racing shall be permitted for any purse
- 12 by any licensee. A licensee shall permit or conduct only
- 13 the pari-mutuel system of wagering within the confines of
- 14 the licensee's racetrack at which any horse or dog race
- 15 meeting is conducted or held.
- 16 (b) A licensee is hereby expressly authorized to deduct
- 17 a commission from the pari-mutuel pools, as follows:
- 18 (1) The commission deducted by any licensee from the
- 19 pari-mutuel pools on thoroughbred horse racing, except
- 20 from thoroughbred horseracing pari-mutuel pools involv-
- 21 ing what is known as multiple betting in which the
- 22 winning pari-mutuel ticket or tickets are determined by a
- 23 combination of two or more winning horses, shall not
- 24 exceed seventeen and one-fourth percent of the total of the
- 25 pari-mutuel pools for the day. Out of the commission, as
- 26 is mentioned in this subdivision, the licensee: (i) Shall pay

27 the pari-mutuel pools tax provided for in subsection (b), 28 section ten of this article: (ii) shall make a deposit into a 29 special fund to be established by the licensee and to be 30 used for the payment of regular purses offered for thor-31 oughbred racing by the licensee, which deposits out of 32 pari-mutuel pools for each day during the months of 33 January, February, March, October, November and 34 December shall be seven and three hundred seventy-five 35 one-thousandths percent of the pari-mutuel pools and 36 which, out of pari-mutuel pools for each day during all other months, shall be six and eight hundred seventy-five 37 38 one-thousandths percent of the pari-mutuel pools, which shall take effect beginning fiscal year one thousand nine 39 40 hundred ninety: (iii) shall, after allowance for the exclusion given by subsection (b), section ten of this article, 41 42 make a deposit into a special fund to be established by the 43 racing commission and to be used for the payment of 44 breeders, awards and capital improvements as authorized by section thirteen-b of this article, which deposits out of 45 pari-mutuel pools shall from the effective date of this 46 47 section and for fiscal year one thousand nine hundred 48 eighty-five, be four-tenths percent; for fiscal year one 49 thousand nine hundred eighty-six, be seven-tenths percent; for fiscal year one thousand nine hundred eighty-50 seven, be one percent; for fiscal year one thousand nine 51 52 hundred eighty-eight, be one and one-half percent; and for fiscal year one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine, and 53 each year thereafter, be two percent of the pools; (iv) shall 54 55 annually pay five hundred thousand dollars per thorough-56 bred racetrack into a special fund established by the racing commission for payment into a pension plan 57 58 established by the racing commission for all back-stretch 59 personnel, including, but not limited to, exercise riders, 60 trainers, grooms and stable foreperson licensed by the racing commission to participate in horse racing in this 61 62 state and their dependents; and (v) shall pay one tenth of 63 one percent of the pari-mutuel pools into the general fund of the county commission of the county in which the 64

65 racetrack is located, except if within a municipality, then 66 to the municipal general fund. The remainder of the 67 commission shall be retained by the licensee.

68 The commission deducted by any licensee from the parimutuel pools on thoroughbred horse racing involving what 69 70 is known as multiple betting in which the winning parimutuel ticket or tickets are determined by a combination 71 72 of two winning horses shall not exceed nineteen percent 73 and by a combination of three or more winning horses 74 shall not exceed twenty-five percent of the total of such 75 pari-mutuel pools for the day. Out of the commission, as 76 is mentioned in this paragraph, the licensee: (i) Shall pay the pari-mutuel pools tax provided for in subsection (b), 77 section ten of this article; (ii) shall make a deposit into a 78 special fund to be established by the licensee and to be 79 80 used for the payment of regular purses offered for thoroughbred racing by the licensee, which deposits out of 81 82 pari-mutuel pools for each day during the months of 83 January, February, March, October, November and 84 December for pools involving a combination of two 85 winning horses shall be eight and twenty-five one-hun-86 dredths percent and out of pari-mutuel pools for each day during all other months shall be seven and seventy-five 87 one-hundredths percent of the pari-mutuel pools; and 88 89 involving a combination of three or more winning horses 90 for the months of January, February, March, October, November and December the deposits out of the fund shall 91 92 be eleven and twenty-five one-hundredths percent of the 93 pari-mutuel pools; and which, out of pari-mutuel pools for each day during all other months, shall be ten and seventy-94 95 five one-hundredths percent of the pari-mutuel pools; (iii) shall, after allowance for the exclusion given by subsection 96 97 (b), section ten of this article, make a deposit into a special fund to be established by the racing commission and to be 98 used for the payment of breeders' awards and capital 99 100 improvements as authorized by section thirteen-b of this article, which deposits out of pari-mutuel pools shall from 101 the effective date of this section and for fiscal year one 102

thousand nine hundred eighty-five, be four-tenths percent; for fiscal year one thousand nine hundred eighty-six, be seven-tenths percent; for fiscal year one thousand nine hundred eighty-seven, be one percent; for fiscal year one thousand nine hundred eighty-eight, be one and one-half percent; and for fiscal year one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine, and each year thereafter, be two percent of the pools; and (iv) shall pay one tenth of one percent of the pari-mutuel pools into the general fund of the county commission of the county in which the racetrack is lo-cated, except if within a municipality, then to the munici-pal general fund. The remainder of the commission shall be retained by the licensee.

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The commission deducted by the licensee under this subdivision may be reduced only by mutual agreement between the licensee and a majority of the trainers and horse owners licensed by subsection (a), section two of this article or their designated representative. The reduction in licensee commissions may be for a particular race, racing day or days or for a horse race meeting. Fifty percent of the reduction shall be retained by the licensee from the amounts required to be paid into the special fund established by the licensee under the provisions of this subdivision. The racing commission shall promulgate any reasonable rules and regulations that are necessary to implement the foregoing provisions.

(2) The commission deducted by any licensee from the pari-mutuel pools on harness racing shall not exceed seventeen and one-half percent of the total of the parimutuel pools for the day. Out of the commission the licensee shall pay the pari-mutuel pools tax provided for in subsection (c), section ten of this article and shall pay one tenth of one percent into the general fund of the county commission of the county in which the racetrack is located, except if within a municipality, then to the municipal general fund. The remainder of the commission shall be retained by the licensee.

(3) The commission deducted by any licensee from the 140 141 pari-mutuel pools on dog racing, except from dog racing 142 pari-mutuel pools involving what is known as multiple 143 betting in which the winning pari-mutuel ticket or tickets 144 are determined by a combination of two or more winning 145 dogs, shall not exceed sixteen and thirty one-hundredths 146 percent of the total of all pari-mutuel pools for the day. 147 The commission deducted by any licensee from the pari-148 mutuel pools on dog racing involving what is known as multiple betting in which the winning pari-mutuel ticket 149 150 or tickets are determined by a combination of two winning dogs shall not exceed nineteen percent, by a combination 151 152 of three winning dogs shall not exceed twenty percent, and by a combination of four or more winning dogs shall not 153 154 exceed twenty-one percent of the total of such pari-mutuel 155 pools for the day. The foregoing commissions are in effect 156 for the fiscal years one thousand nine hundred ninety and 157 one thousand nine hundred ninety-one. Thereafter, the 158 commission shall be at the percentages in effect prior to 159 the effective date of this article unless the Legislature, after review, determines otherwise. Out of the commis-160 sions, the licensee shall pay the pari-mutuel pools tax 161 162 provided for in subsection (d), section ten of this article and one tenth of one percent of such pari-mutuel pools 163 into the general fund of the county commission of the 164 165 county in which the racetrack is located. In addition, out 166 of the commissions, if the racetrack is located within a 167 municipality, then the licensee shall also pay three tenths 168 of one percent of the pari-mutuel pools into the general fund of the municipality; or, if the racetrack is located 169 170 outside of a municipality, then the licensee shall also pay 171 three tenths of one percent of the pari-mutuel pools into the state road fund for use by the division of highways in 172 173 accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. The 174 remainder of the commission shall be retained by the 175 licensee.

For the purposes of this section, "municipality" means and includes any Class I, Class II and Class III city and any 178 Class IV town or village incorporated as a municipal 179 corporation under the laws of this state prior to the first 180 day of January, one thousand nine hundred eighty-seven.

Each dog racing licensee, when required by the provi-181 182 sions of this subdivision to pay a percentage of its commissions to the state road fund for use by the division of 183 highways, shall transmit the required funds, in such 184 185 manner and at such times as the racing commission shall by procedural rule direct, to the state treasurer for deposit 186 187 in the state treasury to the credit of the division of highways state road fund. All funds collected and received in 188 189 the state road fund pursuant to the provisions of this 190 subdivision shall be used by the division of highways in 191 accordance with the provisions of article seventeen-a, chapter seventeen of this code for the acquisition of right-192 193 of-way for, the construction of, the reconstruction of and 194 the improvement or repair of any interstate or other highway, secondary road, bridge and toll road in the state. 195 196 If on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred 197 eighty-nine, any area encompassing a dog racetrack has 198 incorporated as a Class I, Class II or Class III city or as a 199 Class IV town or village, whereas such city, town or village 200 was not incorporated as such on the first day of January, 201 one thousand nine hundred eighty-seven, then on and after 202 the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred eighty-203 nine, any balances in the state road fund existing as a 204 result of payments made under the provisions of this 205 subdivision may be used by the state road fund for any 206 purpose for which other moneys in the fund may lawfully 207 be used, and in lieu of further payments to the state road 208 fund, the licensee of a racetrack which is located in the 209 municipality shall thereafter pay three tenths of one 210 percent of the pari-mutuel pools into the general fund of 211 the municipality. If no incorporation occurs before the 212 first day of July, one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine, 213 then payments to the state road fund shall thereafter 214 continue as provided for under the provisions of this 215 subdivision.

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216 A dog racing licensee, before deducting the commissions 217 authorized by this subdivision, shall give written notifica-218 tion to the racing commission not less than thirty days 219 prior to any change in the percentage rates for the com-220 missions. The racing commission shall prescribe blank 221 forms for filing the notification. The notification shall 222 disclose the following: (A) The revised commissions to be deducted from the pari-mutuel pools each day on win, 223 224 place and show betting and on different forms of multiple 225 bettings; (B) the dates to be included in the revised betting; 226 (C) such other information as may be required by the 227 racing commission.

228 The licensee shall establish a special fund to be used 229 only for capital improvements or long-term debt amortiza-230 tion or both: Provided, That any licensee, heretofore 231 licensed for a period of eight years prior to the effective 232 date of the amendment made to this section during the 233 regular session of the Legislature held in the year one 234 thousand nine hundred eighty-seven, shall establish the 235 special fund to be used only for capital improvements or 236 physical plant maintenance, or both, at the licensee's 237 licensed facility or at the licensee's commonly owned 238 racing facility located within this state. Deposits made 239 into the funds shall be in an amount equal to twenty-five percent of the increased rate total over and above the 240 applicable rate in effect as of the first day of January, one 241 242 thousand nine hundred eighty-seven, of the pari-mutuel pools for the day. Any amount deposited into the funds 243 must be expended or liability therefor incurred within a 244 245 period of two years from the date of deposit. Any funds not expended shall be transferred immediately into the 246 247 state general fund after expiration of the two-year period.

The licensee shall make a deposit into a special fund established by the licensee and used for payment of regular purses offered for dog racing, which deposits out of the licensee's commissions for each day shall be three 252 and seventy-five one-hundredths percent of the 253 pari-mutuel pools.

The licensee shall further establish a special fund to be used exclusively for marketing and promotion programs; the funds shall be in an amount equal to five percent over and above the applicable rates in effect as of the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred eighty-seven of the total pari-mutuel pools for the day.

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The racing commission shall prepare and transmit annually to the governor and the Legislature a report of the activities of the racing commission under this subdivision. The report shall include a statement of: The amount of commissions retained by licensees; the amount of taxes paid to the state; the amounts paid to municipalities, counties and the division of highways dog racing fund: the amounts deposited by licensees into special funds for capital improvements or long-term debt amortization and a certified statement of the financial condition of any licensee depositing into the fund; the amounts paid by licensees into special funds and used for regular purses offered for dog racing; the amounts paid by licensees into special funds and used for marketing and promotion programs; and such other information as the racing commission may consider appropriate for review.

The racing commission shall report to the governor, president of the Senate, speaker of the House of Delegates and the Legislature on or before the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred ninety-three, on the effects of the amendments to this article by the acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred eighty-seven, on dog racing licensees and pari-mutuel taxation for use by the Legislature in review of the amendments.

(c) In addition to any commission, a licensee of horse race or dog race meetings shall also be entitled to retain the legitimate breakage, which shall be made and calcu-

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lated to the dime, and from the breakage, the licensee of a horse race meeting (excluding dog race meetings), shall deposit daily fifty percent of the total of the breakage retained by the licensee into the special fund created pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (1), subsection (b) of this section for the payment of regular purses.

- (d) The director of audit, and any other auditors employed by the racing commission who are also certified public accountants or experienced public accountants, shall have free access to the space or enclosure where the pari-mutuel system of wagering is conducted or calculated at any horse or dog race meeting for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the licensee is deducting and retaining only a commission as provided in this section and is otherwise complying with the provisions of this section. They shall also, for the same purposes only, have full and free access to all records and papers pertaining to the pari-mutuel system of wagering and shall report to the racing commission in writing, under oath, whether or not the licensee has deducted and retained any commission in excess of that permitted under the provisions of this section or has otherwise failed to comply with the provisions of this section.
- 311 (e) No licensee shall permit or allow any individual 312 under the age of eighteen years to wager at any horse or 313 dog racetrack, knowing or having reason to believe that 314 the individual is under the age of eighteen years.
- 315 (f) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of subdivision (1), subsection (b) of this section, to the contrary, a 316 317 thoroughbred licensee qualifying for and paying the alternate reduced tax on pari-mutuel pools provided in 318 section ten of this article shall distribute the commission 319 authorized to be deducted by subdivision (1), subsection 320 321 (b) of this section as follows: (i) The licensee shall pay the alternate reduced tax provided in section ten of this 322323 article; (ii) the licensee shall pay one tenth of one percent 324 of the pari-mutuel pools into the general fund of the

- 325 county commission of the county in which the racetrack is 326 located, except if within a municipality, then to the 327 municipal general fund; (iii) the licensee shall pay one half 328 of the remainder of the commission into the special fund established by the licensee and to be used for the payment 329 330 of regular purses offered for thoroughbred racing by the 331 licensee; and (iv) the licensee shall retain the amount 332 remaining after making the payments required in this 333 subsection.
- 334 (g) Each kennel which provides or races dogs owned or 335 leased by others shall furnish to the commission a surety 336 bond in an amount to be determined by the commission to 337 secure the payment to the owners or lessees of the dogs the 338 portion of any purse owed to the owner or lessee.

# §19-23-13. Disposition of funds for payment of outstanding and unredeemed pari-mutuel tickets; publication of notice; irredeemable tickets; stake races for dog tracks.

1 (a) All moneys held by any licensee for the payment of outstanding and unredeemed pari-mutuel tickets, if not 3 claimed within ninety days after the close of a horse or dog race meeting or the televised racing day, as the case may 4 be, in connection with which the tickets were issued, shall 5 be turned over by the licensee to the racing commission 6 within fifteen days after the expiration of the ninety-day 7 period and the licensee shall give any information required by the racing commission concerning the outstanding and 9 10 unredeemed tickets. The moneys shall be deposited by the racing commission in a banking institution of its choice in 11 12 a special account to be known as "West Virginia Racing Commission Special Account - Unredeemed Pari-Mutuel 13 Tickets". Notice of the amount, date and place of each 14 deposit shall be given by the racing commission, in writ-15 ing, to the state treasurer. The racing commission shall 16 then cause to be published a notice to the holders of the 17 outstanding and unredeemed pari-mutuel tickets notifying 18 them to present their unredeemed tickets for payment at 19

- 20 the principal office of the racing commission within ninety 21 days from the date of the publication of the notice. The 22 notice shall be published within fifteen days following the 23 receipt of the outstanding and unredeemed pari-mutuel 24 ticket moneys by the commission from the licensee as a 25 Class I legal advertisement in compliance with the provi-26 sions of article three, chapter fifty-nine of this code and 27 the publication area for the publication shall be the county 28 in which the horse or dog race meeting was held and the 29 county in which the televised racing day wagering was 30 conducted in this state.
- 31 (b) Any outstanding and unredeemed pari-mutuel 32 tickets that are not presented for payment within ninety 33 days from the date of the publication of the notice are 34 thereafter irredeemable and the moneys theretofore held 35 for the redemption of the pari-mutuel tickets shall become 36 the property of the racing commission and shall be expended as provided in this subsection. The racing commis-37 sion shall maintain separate accounts for each licensee and 38 39 shall record in each separate account the moneys turned 40 over by the licensee and the amount expended at the 41 licensee's track for the purposes set forth in this subsection. The moneys in the West Virginia racing commission 42 43 special account - unredeemed pari-mutuel tickets shall be 44 expended as follows:
- 45 (1) To the owner of the winning horse in any horse race at a horse race meeting held or conducted by any licensee: 46 Provided, That the owner of the horse is at the time of the 47 horse race a bona fide resident of this state, a sum equal to 48 49 ten percent of the purse won by the horse at that race. The 50 commission may require proof that the owner was, at the time of the race, a bona fide resident of this state. Upon 51 52 proof by the owner that he or she filed a personal income tax return in this state for the previous two years and that 53 54 he or she owned real or personal property in this state and paid taxes in this state on real or personal property for the 55

- 56 previous two years, he or she shall be presumed to be a 57 bona fide resident of this state; and
- 58 (2) To the breeder (that is, the owner of the mare) of the 59 winning horse in any horse race at a horse race meeting 60 held or conducted by any licensee: *Provided*, That the 61 mare foaled in this state, a sum equal to ten percent of the 62 purse won by the horse; and
- 63 (3) To the owner of the stallion which sired the winning 64 horse in any horse race at a horse race meeting held or 65 conducted by any licensee: *Provided*, That the mare which 66 foaled the winning horse was served by a stallion standing 67 and registered in this state, a sum equal to ten percent of 68 the purse won by the horse; and
- 69 (4) To those horse racing licensees not participating in the thoroughbred development fund authorized in section 70 71 thirteen-b of this article, the unexpended balance of the 72 licensee's account not expended as provided in subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of this subsection: Provided, That all 73 74 moneys distributed under this subdivision shall be ex-75 pended solely for capital improvements at the licensee's 76 track: Provided, however, That the capital improvements 77 must be approved, in writing, by the West Virginia racing 78 commission before funds are expended by the licensee for 79 that capital improvement; and

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(5) When the moneys in the special account, known as the West Virginia racing commission special account unredeemed pari-mutuel tickets will more than satisfy the requirements of subdivisions (1), (2), (3) and (4) of this subsection, the West Virginia racing commission shall have the authority to expend the excess moneys from unredeemed horse racing pari-mutuel tickets as purse money inany race conditioned exclusively for West Virginia-bred or sired horses and to expend the excess moneys from unredeemed dog racing pari-mutuel tickets in supplementing purses and establishing stake races and dog racing handicaps at the dog tracks: *Provided*, That subject to the

- 92 availability of funds, the commission shall, after the
- 93 requirements of subdivisions (1), (2), (3) and (4) of this
- 94 subsection have been satisfied:
- 95 (A) Transfer annually two hundred thousand dollars to
- 96 the West Virginia racing commission special account -
- 97 West Virginia greyhound breeding development fund;
- 98 (B) Transfer annually two hundred thousand dollars into
- 99 a separate account to be used for stakes races for West
- 100 Virginia bred greyhounds at dog racetracks; and
- 101 (C) Transfer annually two hundred thousand dollars to
- 102 a trust maintained and administered by the organization
- which is recognized by the West Virginia racing commis-
- 104 sion, pursuant to a legislative rule adopted by the commis-
- 105 sion, as the representative of the majority of the active
- 106 jockeys in West Virginia for the purpose of providing
- 107 health and disability benefits to eligible active or disabled
- 108 West Virginia jockeys and their dependents in accordance
- west virginia jockeys and their dependents in accordance
- 109 with eligibility criteria established by said organization.
- 110 For purposes of this section in determining health benefits,
- 111 an eligible active jockey is one who rides at least one
- 112 hundred mounts per calendar year of which fifty-one must
- be in the state of West Virginia: *Provided*, That a jockey is
- 114 not eligible for health benefits if he or she receives health
- 115 benefits from any other state; and
- (D) After all payments to satisfy the requirements of (A),
- 117 (B) and (C) of this subdivision have been satisfied, the
- 118 commission shall have authority to transfer one hundred
- 119 fifty thousand dollars left from all uncashed pari-mutuel
- 120 tickets to the trust maintained and administered by the
- 121 organization which is recognized by the West Virginia
- 122 racing commission, pursuant to legislative rule adopted by
- 123 the commission as the representative of the majority of the
- 124 active jockeys in West Virginia.
- 125 (c) The commission shall submit to the legislative
- 126 auditor a quarterly report and accounting of the income,

- 127 expenditures and unobligated balance in the special 128 account created by this section known as the West Virginia 129 racing commission special account - unredeemed pari-130 mutuel tickets.
- 131 (d) Nothing contained in this article shall prohibit one 132 person from qualifying for all or more than one of the 133 aforesaid awards or for awards under section thirteen-b of

this article.

135 (e) The cost of publication of the notice provided for in 136 this section shall be paid from the funds in the hands of 137 the state treasurer collected from the pari-mutuel pools' 138 tax provided for in section ten of this article, when not 139 otherwise provided in the budget; but no such costs shall 140 be paid unless an itemized account thereof, under oath, be 141 first filed with the state auditor.

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The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.
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