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Senate Bill 308

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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 §29-22-18 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~~
17 ~~Virginia thoroughbred development fund since on or before January 1, 1999~~ shall be divided as
18 follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

43 (8) The Tourism Promotion Fund established in ~~section twelve, article two, chapter five b~~
44 §5B-21-6 of this code shall receive three percent of the net terminal income: *Provided*, That for

45 each fiscal year beginning after June 30, 2004, this three percent of net terminal income shall be
46 distributed pursuant to the provisions of §29-22A-10(c)(8)(B) of this code;

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

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

63 (10) (A) One percent of the net terminal income shall be deposited in equal amounts in
64 the Capitol Dome and Improvements Fund created under §5A-4-2 of this code and Cultural
65 Facilities and ~~capitol~~ Capital Resources Matching Grant Program Fund created under §29-1-3 of
66 this code; and

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

70 (b) The commission may establish orderly and effective procedures for the collection and
71 distribution of funds under this section in accordance with the provisions of this section and §29-
72 22A-10 of this code.