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1 AN ACT Relating to horse racing purses; amending RCW 67.16.105;
2 creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature that
5 one-half of those moneys that would otherwise have been paid into the
6 Washington thoroughbred racing fund be retained for the purpose of
7 enhancing purses, excluding stakes purses, until that time as a
8 permanent thoroughbred racing facility is built and operating in
9 western Washington.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 67.16.105 and 1991 c 270 s 6 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 (1) Licensees of race meets that are nonprofit in nature, are of
13 ten days or less, and have an average daily handle of one hundred
14 twenty thousand dollars or less shall withhold and pay to the
15 commission daily for each authorized day of racing one-half percent of
16 the daily gross receipts from all parimutuel machines at each race
17 meet.

1 (2) Licensees of race meets that do not fall under subsection (1)
2 of this section shall withhold and pay to the commission daily for each
3 authorized day of racing the following applicable percentage of all
4 daily gross receipts from all parimutuel machines at each race meet:

5 (a) If the daily gross receipts of all parimutuel machines are more
6 than two hundred fifty thousand dollars, the licensee shall withhold
7 and pay to the commission daily two and one-half percent of the daily
8 gross receipts; and

9 (b) If the daily gross receipts of all parimutuel machines are two
10 hundred fifty thousand dollars or less, the licensee shall withhold and
11 pay to the commission daily one percent of the daily gross receipts.

12 (3) In addition to those amounts in subsections (1) and (2) of this
13 section, all licensees shall forward one-tenth of one percent of the
14 daily gross receipts of all parimutuel machines to the commission daily
15 for payment to those nonprofit race meets as set forth in RCW 67.16.130
16 and subsection (1) of this section, but said percentage shall not be
17 charged against the licensees. The total of such payments shall not
18 exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars in any one year and any
19 amount in excess of one hundred fifty thousand dollars shall be
20 remitted to the general fund. Payments to nonprofit race meets under
21 this subsection shall be distributed on a pro rata per-race-day basis
22 and used only for purses at race tracks that have been operating under
23 RCW 67.16.130 and subsection (1) of this section for the five
24 consecutive years immediately preceding the year of payment.

25 (4) In addition to those sums paid to the commission in subsection
26 (2) of this section, licensees who are nonprofit corporations and have
27 race meets of thirty days or more shall withhold and pay to the
28 commission daily for each authorized day of racing an amount equal to
29 ~~((two))~~ one and ~~((one-half))~~ one-quarter percent of the daily gross
30 receipts of all parimutuel machines at each race meet. Said percentage
31 shall come from that amount the licensee is authorized to retain under
32 RCW 67.16.170(2). The commission shall deposit these moneys in the
33 Washington thoroughbred racing fund created in RCW 67.16.250.

34 (5) Upon completion of construction and beginning with the
35 operation of a major thoroughbred racing facility in western
36 Washington, the amount of daily gross receipts withheld and paid to the
37 commission, as set out in subsection (4) of this section, shall revert
38 to two and one-half percent of the daily gross receipts of all
39 parimutuel machines at each race meet.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
4 effect immediately.

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