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1 AN ACT Relating to providing that the horse racing commission
2 operating account is a nonappropriated account; and amending RCW
3 67.16.280.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 67.16.280 and 2013 c 88 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1)(a) The Washington horse racing commission operating account
8 is created in the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts
9 collected by the commission under RCW 67.16.105(2) must be deposited
10 into the account. (~~The commission has the authority to receive such
11 gifts, grants, and endowments from public or private sources as may
12 be made from time to time in trust or otherwise for the use and
13 purpose of regulating or supporting nonprofit race meets as set forth
14 in RCW 67.16.130 and 67.16.105(1); such gifts, grants, and endowments
15 must also be deposited into the account and expended according to the
16 terms of such gift, grant, or endowment. Moneys in the account may be
17 spent only after appropriation. Except as provided in subsection (2)
18 of this section, expenditures from the account may be used only for
19 operating expenses of the commission.~~) Expenditures from the account
20 may be used only for the operating expenses of the commission. Only
21 the commission or the commission's designee may authorize

1 expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment
2 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not
3 required for expenditures.

4 (b) The commission has the authority to receive such gifts,
5 grants, and endowments from public or private sources as may be made
6 from time to time in trust or otherwise for the use and purpose of
7 regulating or supporting nonprofit race meets as set forth in RCW
8 67.16.130 and 67.16.105(1); such gifts, grants, and endowments must
9 also be deposited into the horse racing commission operating account
10 and expended according to the terms of such gift, grant, or
11 endowment.

12 (2) In order to provide funding in support of the legislative
13 findings in RCW 67.16.101 (1) through (3), and to provide additional
14 necessary support to the nonprofit race meets beyond the funding
15 provided by RCW 67.16.101(4) and 67.16.102(2), the commission is
16 authorized to spend up to three hundred thousand dollars per fiscal
17 year from its operating account for the purpose of developing the
18 equine industry, maintaining and upgrading racing facilities, and
19 assisting equine health research. When determining how to allocate
20 the funds available for these purposes, the commission must give
21 first consideration to uses that regulate and assist the nonprofit
22 race meets and equine health research. These expenditures may occur
23 only when sufficient funds remain for the continued operations of the
24 horse racing commission.

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