
HOUSE BILL 1928

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1 AN ACT Relating to equine industry support; adding a new section
2 to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 67.16 RCW; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 82.08
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) By July 1, 2022, and by July 1st of each year thereafter, the
8 state treasurer, based upon information provided by the department,
9 must transfer from the general fund to the Washington equine industry
10 reinvestment account created in section 2 of this act, an amount not
11 to exceed \$6,000,000 per fiscal year from revenues deposited into the
12 general fund for the previous fiscal year derived from the imposition
13 of state sales and use taxes on the following equine-related
14 products:

15 (a) Equines;

16 (b) Equine feed;

17 (c) Prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, or dietary
18 supplements dispensed or to be dispensed to equines;

19 (d) Equine tack which includes, but is not limited to, equipment
20 used to ride or care for an equine such as saddles, driving
21 harnesses, girths, cinches, bridles, martingales, halters, lead

1 ropes, whips, long reins, wraps, and other items used in handling and
2 caring for equines;

3 (e) Horse bedding and grooming supplies; and

4 (f) Other taxable sales directly related to equine ownership,
5 riding, or boarding.

6 (2) For purposes of this section, "equine" and "equines" have the
7 same meaning as in RCW 4.24.530(1).

8 (3) Following each biennium the amount "not to exceed" in
9 subsection (1) of this section may be reviewed and increased based on
10 inflationary calculations as determined by the department.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 67.16
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 (1) The Washington equine industry reinvestment account is
14 created in the state treasury. Revenues in the account consist of
15 moneys transferred to the account pursuant to section 1 of this act
16 and any other revenue appropriated or transferred to the account
17 pursuant to legislative directive. Moneys in the account may be spent
18 only after appropriation.

19 (2) Beginning with the 2023 fiscal year, the legislature must
20 annually appropriate moneys in the account as follows:

21 (a) Seven and one-half percent to the Washington horse racing
22 commission operating account in RCW 67.16.280;

23 (b) Seven and one-half percent to the Washington horse racing
24 commission for breeder awards to be deposited into the Washington
25 bred owners' bonus fund and breeder awards account in RCW 67.16.275;
26 and

27 (c) The remaining 85 percent to the Washington horse racing
28 commission to be allocated for the following dedicated purposes:

29 (i) Ten percent to support nonprofit race meets as defined in RCW
30 67.16.130 based on a per approved live race day allocation;

31 (ii) Fifteen percent to be awarded as grants to support equine
32 activities as defined in RCW 4.24.530(2); and

33 (iii) Sixty percent to the class 1 racing associations licensed
34 by the commission of which 75 percent shall be designated for purses
35 and the remainder for equine health and safety programs and research
36 and facility improvements and maintenance.

37 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
38 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of

1 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
2 effect immediately.

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