

Subject Modification of horse racing regulations

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Overview

This bill modifies fees related to horse racing and permits the commission to waive minimum requirements related to operating a card club for conditions that are outside the licensee's control.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Purses. Expands the uses to which money paid by a licensee to a horseperson's organization can be used to include capital improvements and expense reimbursements specific to the operation of live racing which is beneficial to racing at the licensee's facility.
2	Payments to state. Increases the regulatory fee on amounts wagered by Minnesota residents with an authorized advance deposit wagering provider from one percent to two percent.
3	Limitation. Creates an exception to the minimum number of days in which a licensee must conduct live racing at a class A facility in order to operate a card club. The exception applies if the licensee fails to conduct at least 50 days of racing within the past 12 months because of circumstances beyond the licensee's control.
4	Reimbursement to commission. Makes reimbursement by a licensee to the commission for the commission's expenses related to regulating a card club permissive. Under current law, reimbursement is mandatory.
5	Effective date. Makes the sections effective the day following final enactment. Provides that section 2 expires December 31, 2021.