

Subject Minnesota Racing Commission; ongoing operations

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Overview

This bill includes technical and other changes to laws governing appropriations to the Minnesota Racing Commission. The changes include a provision for the ongoing operations of the Racing Commission in the event that a budget is not enacted before the start of a fiscal biennium.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Disposition of proceeds; account.</p> <p>Appropriates money contained in the racing and card playing regulation account to the Minnesota Racing Commission for its ongoing operations, if a biennial budget is not otherwise enacted for the commission before a new fiscal biennium begins. This appropriation is capped at the amount the commission received in the second year of the prior biennium.</p> <p>This section also adds a technical reference to “regulatory fees” in directing how money received by the Racing Commission is distributed. This new reference reflects enactment of a regulatory fee related to advance deposit wagering that was enacted in 2016.</p>
2	<p>Reimbursement account credit.</p> <p>Provides technical and other modifications related to the racing reimbursement account in the special revenue fund. Among the changes is an allowance for funds in this account to be used by the Racing Commission to fulfill its regulatory oversight duties.</p> <p>This section also requires the commission to continue its operations even if a state budget has not been fully enacted prior to the start of a fiscal biennium.</p>
3	<p>Appropriation for functions supporting ongoing operation of the Racing Commission.</p> <p>Provides a statutory appropriation to fund the central administrative functions of the Racing Commission in the event a budget appropriating money for these functions is not enacted prior to the start of the fiscal biennium. The section includes technical language related to distribution of these funds.</p>

Section	Description
	Subsequent appropriations enacted by law would replace funding provided to the commission under this section.
4	Reimbursement to commission. Clarifies that funds received by the Racing Commission to reimburse its costs for regulating card clubs are appropriated for use by the commission.



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