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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to gambling; dedicating certain electronic pull-tab revenue for support of
1.3 the Minnesota-bred Thoroughbred industry; appropriating money; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 297E.02, subdivision 3.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 297E.02, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Collection; disposition.** (a) Taxes imposed by this section are due and payable
1.8 to the commissioner when the gambling tax return is required to be filed. Distributors must
1.9 file their monthly sales figures with the commissioner on a form prescribed by the
1.10 commissioner. Returns covering the taxes imposed under this section must be filed with
1.11 the commissioner on or before the 20th day of the month following the close of the previous
1.12 calendar month. The commissioner shall prescribe the content, format, and manner of returns
1.13 or other documents pursuant to section 270C.30. The proceeds, along with the revenue
1.14 received from all license fees and other fees under sections 349.11 to 349.191, 349.211,
1.15 and 349.213, must be paid to the commissioner of management and budget for deposit in
1.16 the general fund.

1.17 (b) The sales tax imposed by chapter 297A on the sale of pull-tabs and tipboards by the
1.18 distributor is imposed on the retail sales price. The retail sale of pull-tabs or tipboards by
1.19 the organization is exempt from taxes imposed by chapter 297A and is exempt from all
1.20 local taxes and license fees except a fee authorized under section 349.16, subdivision 8.

1.21 (c) One-half of one percent of the revenue deposited in the general fund under paragraph
1.22 (a), is appropriated to the commissioner of human services for the compulsive gambling
1.23 treatment program established under section 245.98. One-half of one percent of the revenue

2.1 deposited in the general fund under paragraph (a), is appropriated to the commissioner of
2.2 human services for a grant to the state affiliate recognized by the National Council on
2.3 Problem Gambling to increase public awareness of problem gambling, education and training
2.4 for individuals and organizations providing effective treatment services to problem gamblers
2.5 and their families, and research relating to problem gambling. Money appropriated by this
2.6 paragraph must supplement and must not replace existing state funding for these programs.

2.7 (d) The commissioner of human services must provide to the state affiliate recognized
2.8 by the National Council on Problem Gambling a monthly statement of the amounts deposited
2.9 under paragraph (c). Beginning January 1, 2022, the commissioner of human services must
2.10 provide to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with
2.11 jurisdiction over treatment for problem gambling and to the state affiliate recognized by the
2.12 National Council on Problem Gambling an annual reconciliation of the amounts deposited
2.13 under paragraph (c). The annual reconciliation under this paragraph must include the amount
2.14 allocated to the commissioner of human services for the compulsive gambling treatment
2.15 program established under section 245.98, and the amount allocated to the state affiliate
2.16 recognized by the National Council on Problem Gambling.

2.17 (e) Beginning in fiscal year 2027, \$2,000,000 of the revenue deposited in the general
2.18 fund under paragraph (a), attributable to electronic pull-tab deals or games, is annually
2.19 appropriated to the Minnesota Racing Commission to supplement purses for races held
2.20 exclusively for Minnesota-bred Thoroughbreds and provide grants, loans, and other financial
2.21 incentives to breeders and owners, in order to promote, encourage, and support the
2.22 Minnesota-bred Thoroughbred industry in the state and encourage breeding and racing of
2.23 Thoroughbreds.