

SB2330



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Introduced 2/26/2021, by Sen. Celina Villanueva

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

230 ILCS 5/31.1

from Ch. 8, par. 37-31.1

Amends the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975. In provisions requiring an organization licensee to contribute to charity, provides that the contributions shall be made to community centers awarded grants under the Community Health Center Expansion Act (rather than non-profit organizations) that provide certain services to persons who reside or work on the backstretch of Illinois racetracks. Adds dental and behavioral health services to the services required to be provided.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning gaming.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975 is
5 amended by changing Section 31.1 as follows:

6 (230 ILCS 5/31.1) (from Ch. 8, par. 37-31.1)

7 Sec. 31.1. (a) Unless subsection (a-5) applies,
8 organization licensees collectively shall contribute annually
9 to charity the sum of \$750,000 to non-profit organizations
10 that provide medical and family, counseling, and similar
11 services to persons who reside or work on the backstretch of
12 Illinois racetracks. Unless subsection (a-5) applies, these
13 contributions shall be collected as follows: (i) no later than
14 July 1st of each year the Board shall assess each organization
15 licensee, except those tracks located in Madison County, which
16 tracks shall pay \$30,000 annually apiece into the Board
17 charity fund, that amount which equals \$690,000 multiplied by
18 the amount of pari-mutuel wagering handled by the organization
19 licensee in the year preceding assessment and divided by the
20 total pari-mutuel wagering handled by all Illinois
21 organization licensees, except those tracks located in Madison
22 and Rock Island counties, in the year preceding assessment;
23 (ii) notice of the assessed contribution shall be mailed to

1 each organization licensee; (iii) within thirty days of its
2 receipt of such notice, each organization licensee shall remit
3 the assessed contribution to the Board. Unless subsection
4 (a-5) applies, if an organization licensee commences operation
5 of gaming at its facility pursuant to an organization gaming
6 license under the Illinois Gambling Act, then the organization
7 licensee shall contribute an additional \$83,000 per year
8 beginning in the year subsequent to the first year in which the
9 organization licensee begins receiving funds from gaming
10 pursuant to an organization gaming license. If an organization
11 licensee wilfully fails to so remit the contribution, the
12 Board may revoke its license to conduct horse racing.

13 (a-5) If (1) an organization licensee that did not operate
14 live racing in 2017 is awarded racing dates in 2018 or in any
15 subsequent year and (2) all organization licensees are
16 operating gaming pursuant to an organization gaming license
17 under the Illinois Gambling Act, then subsection (a) does not
18 apply and organization licensees collectively shall contribute
19 annually to charity the sum of \$1,000,000 to community centers
20 awarded grants under the Community Health Center Expansion Act
21 ~~non-profit organizations~~ that provide medical, dental,
22 behavioral health, ~~and~~ family, counseling, and similar
23 services to persons who reside or work on the backstretch of
24 Illinois racetracks. These contributions shall be collected as
25 follows: (i) no later than July 1st of each year the Board
26 shall assess each organization licensee an amount based on the

1 proportionate amount of live racing days in the calendar year
2 for which the Board has awarded to the organization licensee
3 out of the total aggregate number of live racing days awarded;
4 (ii) notice of the assessed contribution shall be mailed to
5 each organization licensee; (iii) within 30 days after its
6 receipt of such notice, each organization licensee shall remit
7 the assessed contribution to the Board. If an organization
8 licensee willfully fails to so remit the contribution, the
9 Board may revoke its license to conduct horse racing.

10 (b) No later than October 1st of each year, any qualified
11 charitable organization seeking an allotment of contributed
12 funds shall submit to the Board an application for those
13 funds, using the Board's approved form. No later than December
14 31st of each year, the Board shall distribute all such amounts
15 collected that year to such charitable organization
16 applicants.

17 (Source: P.A. 101-31, eff. 6-28-19.)