

HB 588-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **588-FN**

AN ACT relative to the distribution of revenues generated from historic horse racing pari-mutuel pools.

SPONSORS: Rep. Fellows, Graf. 8; Rep. Stringham, Graf. 3; Rep. Spahr, Graf. 12

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

ANALYSIS

This bill requires entities licensed to conduct historic horse race wagering to collect a sum equal to 25 percent of revenues generated after breakage and payment of winnings to patrons and pay it to the lottery commission.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Pari-Mutuel Pools, and Distribution of Tax Thereon; Tax. Amend RSA 284:23, I(d) to read as
2 follows:

3 (d) Each person, association, or corporation licensed to conduct historic horse race
4 wagering shall collect a sum equal to 25 percent of revenues generated from historic horse race pari-
5 mutuel pools after breakage and payment of winnings to patrons[~~Each licensee that conducts~~
6 ~~wagering on historic horse races shall distribute 35 percent of the amount collected under this~~
7 ~~paragraph to charitable organizations with whom the licensee contracts on each licensed game date.~~
8 ~~Charitable organizations from within the executive council district where the licensee is located shall~~
9 ~~be given preference, and no charitable organization shall be eligible for more than 10 dates of~~
10 ~~revenue under this section, within a 12 month period. Each licensee operating historic horse racing~~
11 ~~machines must contract with 2 licensed charitable organizations for each game date. The remainder~~
12 ~~of the total amount collected by the licensee under this paragraph shall be paid] **and pay it** to the
13 lottery commission for use according to the special fund established under RSA 284:21-j.~~

14 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

**HB 588-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	\$0	Approximately \$12.5M Per Year		
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	Lottery Fund/Education Trust Fund - Lottery revenue is credited to the lottery fund, with net revenues after expenditures being credited to the state education trust fund.			
Expenditures*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill

*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

This bill, effective July 1, 2025 (FY 2026), modifies the revenue allocation for historical horse racing (HHR) as follows:

	% of HHR Revenue	
	Current Law	Proposed
Charitable Organizations	8.75%	0.00%
Lottery Commission	16.25%	25.00%
Game Operators	75.00%	75.00%

Currently, charitable organizations receive 8.75% of total revenue from HHR. In FY 2024, this equated to \$12,545,858. Under this bill, this amount would be directed to the Lottery Commission thereby increasing the amount Lottery receives in HHR revenue by approximately \$12.5M annually.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Lottery Commission