

REFERENCE TITLE: **problem gambling; event wagering; appropriation**

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Introduced by
Senator Gonzales

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 5-1318, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; APPROPRIATING MONIES;
RELATING TO GAMING.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 5-1318, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 5-1318. Fees; event wagering fund

5 A. The department shall establish a fee for the privilege of
6 operating event wagering. In determining the fee, the department shall
7 consider the highest percentage of revenue share that an Indian tribe pays
8 to this state pursuant to the tribal-state gaming compact. The fee may
9 not exceed ten percent of the event wagering operator's adjusted gross
10 event wagering receipts. The event wagering operator or designee has the
11 option to choose either the cash accrual or modified accrual basis method
12 of accounting for purposes of calculating the amount of the fee owed by
13 the event wagering operator or designee. The fees required pursuant to
14 this section are due and payable to the department not later than the
15 twenty-fifth day of the month following the calendar month in which the
16 adjusted gross event wagering receipts were received and the obligation
17 was accrued.

18 B. The event wagering fund is established consisting of monies
19 deposited pursuant to this chapter, FEES DEPOSITED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
20 D OF THIS SECTION or from any other source. The department shall
21 administer the fund. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the
22 department shall deposit, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, all
23 monies collected under this chapter in the event wagering fund. On or
24 before the twenty-fifth of each month, ninety percent of the monies
25 deposited in the event wagering fund from the previous month shall be
26 transferred to the state general fund. On notice from the department, the
27 state treasurer shall invest and divest monies in the fund as provided by
28 section 35-313, and monies earned from investment shall be credited to the
29 fund.

30 C. Unless otherwise determined by the legislature, the department
31 may spend not more than ten percent of monies on the department's annual
32 costs of regulating and enforcing this chapter.

33 D. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE EACH EVENT WAGERING OPERATOR THAT
34 IS LICENSED TO OPERATE MOBILE AND RETAIL EVENT WAGERING PURSUANT TO
35 SECTION 5-1304, SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 1 TO PAY AN ANNUAL PROBLEM
36 GAMBLING FEE OF NOT LESS THAN THREE PERCENT OF EACH EVENT WAGERING
37 OPERATOR'S ANNUAL ADJUSTED GROSS EVENT WAGERING RECEIPTS.

38 Sec. 2. Appropriation; 2024-2025; department of gaming;
39 exemption

40 A. The sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the state general
41 fund in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the department of gaming division of
42 problem gambling to support problem gambling treatment and programs.

43 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
44 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
45 to lapsing of appropriations.