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4 By: Representative McGee

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1946

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND 23-111-505 TO ALTER THE DISTRIBUTION
9 METHOD OF FUNDS RECEIVED FROM ADDITIONAL RACING DAYS; AND
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

13 "TO ALTER THE DISTRIBUTION METHOD OF
14 FUNDS RECEIVED FROM ADDITIONAL RACING
15 DAYS."

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 23-111-505 is amended to read as follows:

20 "23-111-505. Additional racing days for benefit of indigent patients,
21 etc.

22 (a) The State Racing Commission is authorized to allow each dog racing
23 franchise holder to conduct fifteen (15) additional days of racing during
24 each twelve-month period. The additional days of racing may be divided
25 between each of the two (2) racing meets allowed by § 23-111-502 or all the
26 additional days of racing may be added to a single racing meet as determined
27 by the Racing Commission. In the event the additional days allowed by the
28 commission fall upon a Saturday or Saturdays, then the franchise holder may,
29 at its option, conduct daylight racing as authorized for a regular racing
30 meet.

31 (b) All revenue derived from the pari-mutuel tax at the fifteen (15)
32 additional days of racing authorized by subsection (a) of this section shall
33 *be deposited with the State Treasurer as special revenues for credit to the*
34 *"Greyhound Racing Fund" to be created on the books of the Treasurer of State,*
35 *the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the state. The*

1 revenues shall be exempt from the provisions of Arkansas Code 19-5-

2 203(b)(2)(A). The revenues shall be distributed in the following order:

3 (1) One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) each fiscal
4 year shall paid as follows:

5 (A) Ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) of the amount shall
6 be paid to the City of West Memphis to be used for providing emergency
7 medical services; and

8 (B) Sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) of the amount shall
9 be paid to Crittenden County to be used for providing emergency medical
10 services.

11 (2) One hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,00) each fiscal
12 year shall paid for the support of the emergency medical services programs of
13 Mississippi County, Poinsett County, Cross County, St. Francis County, and
14 Lee County.

15 (3) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) each fiscal year
16 shall paid to Mid-South Community College.

17 (4) Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) each fiscal year
18 shall be used to defray the cost of hospitalization and medical services of
19 indigent Arkansas patients. The medical services may include provisions for
20 non-emergency transportation for medical purposes. However, the
21 transportation shall not exceed a two hundred (200) mile radius from the
22 patient's point of origin. All care to be provided with these funds shall be
23 approved in advance by the Arkansas Department of Health. If part of the
24 funds allocated for use under this subsection are not used, then the
25 remaining amount shall be distributed pursuant to subdivision (5).

26 (5) The remaining balance of the funds shall be distributed to
27 charities and non-profit organizations.

28 (c) The State Racing Commission is authorized to allow each dog racing
29 franchise holder to conduct two (2) additional days of racing at any dog
30 racing meet. The net proceeds derived from these additional days shall be
31 deposited with the city treasurer or collector of the city in which the dog
32 racing track is located for credit to the city general fund to be used for
33 providing assistance and relief to disaster victims, indigent persons,
34 organizations which assist such persons, and for education purposes."

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1 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
2 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
3 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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5 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
6 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
7 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
8 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
9 act are declared to be severable.

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11 SECTION 4. Section 7 of Act 249 of 1991, Section 7 of Act 76 of 1991,
12 Act 992 of 1993, and all other laws and parts of laws in conflict with this
13 act are hereby repealed.

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15 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the
16 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the funds raised from
17 additional days of dog racing for the benefit of indigent patients in East
18 Arkansas need to be distributed as set forth in this act so as to facilitate
19 the operation of emergency medical services. Therefore, an emergency is
20 hereby declared to exist and this act being necessary for the immediate
21 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, shall be in full force
22 and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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/s/Rep. Mcgee

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