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**Subject**    Modification of horse racing regulations  
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## Overview

This bill modifies fees related to horse racing and permits the commission to waive minimum requirements related to operating a card club for conditions that are outside the licensee’s control.

## Summary

| Section | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| 1       | <p><b>Purses.</b></p> <p>Expands the uses to which money paid by a licensee to a horseperson’s organization can be used to include capital improvements and expense reimbursements specific to the operation of live racing which is beneficial to racing at the licensee’s facility.</p>                                                                   |
| 2       | <p><b>Payments to state.</b></p> <p>Increases the regulatory fee on amounts wagered by Minnesota residents with an authorized advance deposit wagering provider from one percent to two percent.</p>                                                                                                                                                        |
| 3       | <p><b>Limitation.</b></p> <p>Creates an exception to the minimum number of days in which a licensee must conduct live racing at a class A facility in order to operate a card club. The exception applies if the licensee fails to conduct at least 50 days of racing within the past 12 months because of circumstances beyond the licensee’s control.</p> |
| 4       | <p><b>Reimbursement to commission.</b></p> <p>Makes reimbursement by a licensee to the commission for the commission’s expenses related to regulating a card club permissive. Under current law, reimbursement is mandatory.</p>                                                                                                                            |
| 5       | <p><b>Effective date.</b></p> <p>Makes the sections effective the day following final enactment and provides that they expire December 31, 2021.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |



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