

99D.13 Unclaimed winnings appropriation.

1. Winnings provided in section 99D.11 not claimed by the person who placed the wager within sixty days of the close of the racing meet during which the wager was placed shall be forfeited.

2. Winnings from each racetrack forfeited under subsection 1 shall escheat to the state and to the extent appropriated by the general assembly shall be used by the department of agriculture and land stewardship to administer section 99D.22. The remainder shall be paid over to the commission to pay all or part of the cost of drug testing at the tracks. To the extent the remainder paid over to the commission, less the cost of drug testing, is from unclaimed winnings from harness racing meets, the remainder shall be used as provided in subsection 3. To the extent the remainder paid to the commission, less the cost of drug testing, is from unclaimed winnings from licensed dog tracks, the commission shall remit annually five thousand dollars, or an equal portion of that amount, to each licensed dog track to carry out the racing dog adoption program pursuant to section 99D.27. To the extent the remainder paid over to the commission, less the cost of drug testing, is from unclaimed winnings from tracks licensed for dog or horse races, the commission, on an annual basis, shall remit one-third of the amount to the treasurer of the city in which the racetrack is located, one-third of the amount to the treasurer of the county in which the racetrack is located, and one-third of the amount to the racetrack from which it was forfeited. If the racetrack is not located in a city, then one-third shall be deposited as provided in chapter 556. The amount received by the racetrack under this subsection shall be used only for retiring the debt of the racetrack facilities and for capital improvements to the racetrack facilities.

3. One hundred twenty thousand dollars of winnings from wagers placed at harness racing meets forfeited under subsection 1 in a calendar year that escheat to the state and are paid over to the commission are appropriated to the racing commission for the fiscal year beginning in that calendar year to be used as follows:

a. Eighty percent of the amount appropriated shall be allocated to qualified harness racing tracks, to be used by the tracks to supplement the purses for those harness races in which only Iowa-bred or owned horses may run. However, beginning with the allocation of the appropriation made for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1992, the races for which the purses are to be supplemented under this paragraph shall be those in which only Iowa-bred two-year and three-year olds may run. In addition, the races must be held under the control or jurisdiction of the Iowa state fair board, established under section 173.1, or of a fair, as defined under section 174.1.

b. Twenty percent of the amount appropriated shall be allocated to qualified harness racing tracks, to be used by the tracks for maintenance of and improvements to the tracks. Races held at the tracks must be under the control or jurisdiction of the Iowa state fair board, established under section 173.1, or of a fair, as defined under section 174.1.

c. For purposes of this subsection, "*qualified harness racing track*" means a harness racing track that has either held at least one harness race meet between July 1, 1985, and July 1, 1989, or after July 1, 1989, has applied to and been approved by the racing commission for the allocation of funds under this subsection. The racing commission shall approve an application if the harness racing track has held at least one harness race meet during the year preceding the year for which the track seeks funds under this subsection.

Notwithstanding section 8.33, unencumbered or unobligated funds remaining on June 30 of the fiscal year for which the funds were appropriated shall not revert but shall be available for expenditure for the following fiscal year for the purposes of this subsection.

83 Acts, ch 187, § 13; 86 Acts, ch 1246, § 509; 89 Acts, ch 216, §4, 5; 90 Acts, ch 1233, § 5; 90 Acts, ch 1261, § 32; 91 Acts, ch 166, §5; 2004 Acts, ch 1019, §4