

## **IC 4-33-12**

### Chapter 12. Admission Taxes

#### **IC 4-33-12-0.1**

##### **Application of certain amendments to chapter**

Sec. 0.1. The following amendments to this chapter apply as follows:

(1) The amendments made to section 6 of this chapter by P.L.178-2002 apply to riverboat admissions taxes collected after June 30, 2002.

(2) The amendments made to section 1 of this chapter by P.L.192-2002(ss) apply to admissions occurring and receipts received after June 30, 2002.

(3) The amendments made to section 6 of this chapter by P.L.234-2007 apply to riverboat admissions taxes remitted by an operating agent after June 30, 2007.

*As added by P.L.220-2011, SEC.54.*

#### **IC 4-33-12-1**

##### **Admissions tax rate**

Sec. 1. (a) This subsection does not apply to a riverboat that has implemented flexible scheduling under IC 4-33-6-21. A tax is imposed on admissions to gambling excursions authorized under this article at a rate of three dollars (\$3) for each person admitted to the gambling excursion. This admission tax is imposed upon the licensed owner conducting the gambling excursion.

(b) This subsection applies only to a riverboat that has implemented flexible scheduling under IC 4-33-6-21 or IC 4-33-6.5. A tax is imposed on the admissions to a riverboat that has implemented flexible scheduling under IC 4-33-6-21 or IC 4-33-6.5 at the rate of three dollars (\$3) for each person admitted to the riverboat. This admission tax is imposed upon the licensed owner or operating agent operating the riverboat.

(c) The commission may by rule determine the point at which a person is considered to be:

(1) admitted to a gambling excursion, in the case of a riverboat subject to subsection (a); or

(2) admitted to a riverboat, in the case of a riverboat subject to subsection (b);

for purposes of collecting the admissions tax under this chapter.

*As added by P.L.277-1993(ss), SEC.124. Amended by P.L.192-2002(ss), SEC.21; P.L.92-2003, SEC.49; P.L.233-2007, SEC.15; P.L.96-2010, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 4-33-12-2**

##### **Admission tickets; inapplicability to flexible scheduling**

Sec. 2. (a) This section does not apply to a riverboat that has implemented flexible scheduling under IC 4-33-6-21.

(b) If tickets are issued that may be used for admission to more than one (1) gambling excursion, the admission tax must be paid for

each person using the ticket on each gambling excursion for which the ticket is used.

(c) If free passes or complimentary admission tickets are issued, a person who has been issued an owner's license shall pay the same tax on the passes or complimentary tickets as if the passes or tickets were sold at the regular admission rate.

*As added by P.L.277-1993(ss), SEC.124. Amended by P.L.192-2002(ss), SEC.22.*

### **IC 4-33-12-3**

#### **Tax free passes**

Sec. 3. (a) A licensed owner or an operating agent may issue tax-free passes to the following persons:

(1) Actual and necessary officials and employees of the licensee or operating agent.

(2) Other persons actually working on the riverboat.

(b) The number and issuance of tax-free passes is subject to the rules of the commission. A list of all persons to whom the tax-free passes are issued must be filed with the commission.

*As added by P.L.277-1993(ss), SEC.124. Amended by P.L.92-2003, SEC.50.*

### **IC 4-33-12-4**

#### **Payment of taxes**

Sec. 4. (a) A licensed owner or an operating agent must pay the admissions taxes collected to the department. The licensed owner or operating agent must make the tax payments each day for the preceding day's admissions.

(b) The payment of the tax under this section must be on a form prescribed by the department.

(c) The department may require payment under this section to be made by electronic funds transfer (as defined in IC 4-8.1-2-7(e)).

(d) If the department requires taxes to be paid under this section through electronic funds transfer, the department may allow the licensed owner or operating agent to file a monthly report to reconcile the amount of taxes paid to the department.

*As added by P.L.277-1993(ss), SEC.124. Amended by P.L.92-2003, SEC.51.*

### **IC 4-33-12-5**

#### **Suspension of license or gaming operations for failure to submit payment or return**

Sec. 5. The commission may suspend or revoke the license of a licensed owner or order the suspension of gaming operations of an operating agent that does not submit the payment or the tax return form within the required time.

*As added by P.L.277-1993(ss), SEC.124. Amended by P.L.92-2003, SEC.52.*

### **IC 4-33-12-6**

**Disposition of tax revenue**

Sec. 6. (a) The department shall place in the state general fund the tax revenue collected under this chapter.

(b) Except as provided by subsections (c) and (d) and IC 6-3.1-20-7, the treasurer of state shall quarterly pay the following amounts:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (k), one dollar (\$1) of the admissions tax collected by the licensed owner for each person embarking on a gambling excursion during the quarter or admitted to a riverboat that has implemented flexible scheduling under IC 4-33-6-21 during the quarter shall be paid to:

(A) the city in which the riverboat is docked, if the city:

(i) is located in a county having a population of more than one hundred ten thousand (110,000) but less than one hundred fifteen thousand (115,000); or

(ii) is contiguous to the Ohio River and is the largest city in the county; and

(B) the county in which the riverboat is docked, if the riverboat is not docked in a city described in clause (A).

(2) Except as provided in subsection (k), one dollar (\$1) of the admissions tax collected by the licensed owner for each person:

(A) embarking on a gambling excursion during the quarter; or

(B) admitted to a riverboat during the quarter that has implemented flexible scheduling under IC 4-33-6-21;

shall be paid to the county in which the riverboat is docked. In the case of a county described in subdivision (1)(B), this one dollar (\$1) is in addition to the one dollar (\$1) received under subdivision (1)(B).

(3) Except as provided in subsection (k), ten cents (\$0.10) of the admissions tax collected by the licensed owner for each person:

(A) embarking on a gambling excursion during the quarter; or

(B) admitted to a riverboat during the quarter that has implemented flexible scheduling under IC 4-33-6-21;

shall be paid to the county convention and visitors bureau or promotion fund for the county in which the riverboat is docked.

(4) Except as provided in subsection (k), fifteen cents (\$0.15) of the admissions tax collected by the licensed owner for each person:

(A) embarking on a gambling excursion during the quarter; or

(B) admitted to a riverboat during a quarter that has implemented flexible scheduling under IC 4-33-6-21;

shall be paid to the state fair commission, for use in any activity that the commission is authorized to carry out under IC 15-13-3.

(5) Except as provided in subsection (k), ten cents (\$0.10) of the admissions tax collected by the licensed owner for each person:

(A) embarking on a gambling excursion during the quarter; or

(B) admitted to a riverboat during the quarter that has implemented flexible scheduling under IC 4-33-6-21;

shall be paid to the division of mental health and addiction. The division shall allocate at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds derived from the admissions tax to the prevention and treatment of compulsive gambling.

(6) Except as provided in subsection (k) and section 7 of this chapter, sixty-five cents (\$0.65) of the admissions tax collected by the licensed owner for each person embarking on a gambling excursion during the quarter or admitted to a riverboat during the quarter that has implemented flexible scheduling under IC 4-33-6-21 shall be paid to the Indiana horse racing commission to be distributed as follows, in amounts determined by the Indiana horse racing commission, for the promotion and operation of horse racing in Indiana:

(A) To one (1) or more breed development funds established by the Indiana horse racing commission under IC 4-31-11-10.

(B) To a racetrack that was approved by the Indiana horse racing commission under IC 4-31. The commission may make a grant under this clause only for purses, promotions, and routine operations of the racetrack. No grants shall be made for long term capital investment or construction, and no grants shall be made before the racetrack becomes operational and is offering a racing schedule.

(c) With respect to tax revenue collected from a riverboat located in a historic hotel district, the treasurer of state shall quarterly pay the following:

(1) With respect to admissions taxes collected for a person admitted to the riverboat before July 1, 2010, the following amounts:

(A) Twenty-two percent (22%) of the admissions tax collected during the quarter shall be paid to the county treasurer of the county in which the riverboat is located. The county treasurer shall distribute the money received under this clause as follows:

(i) Twenty-two and seventy-five hundredths percent (22.75%) shall be quarterly distributed to the county treasurer of a county having a population of more than thirty-nine thousand six hundred (39,600) but less than forty thousand (40,000) for appropriation by the county fiscal body after receiving a recommendation from the county executive. The county fiscal body for the receiving county shall provide for the distribution of the money received under this item to one (1) or more taxing units (as defined in IC 6-1.1-1-21) in the county under a formula established by the county fiscal body after receiving a recommendation from the county executive.

(ii) Twenty-two and seventy-five hundredths percent (22.75%) shall be quarterly distributed to the county

treasurer of a county having a population of more than ten thousand seven hundred (10,700) but less than twelve thousand (12,000) for appropriation by the county fiscal body. The county fiscal body for the receiving county shall provide for the distribution of the money received under this item to one (1) or more taxing units (as defined in IC 6-1.1-1-21) in the county under a formula established by the county fiscal body after receiving a recommendation from the county executive.

(iii) Fifty-four and five-tenths percent (54.5%) shall be retained by the county where the riverboat is located for appropriation by the county fiscal body after receiving a recommendation from the county executive.

(B) Five percent (5%) of the admissions tax collected during the quarter shall be paid to a town having a population of more than two thousand two hundred (2,200) but less than three thousand five hundred (3,500) located in a county having a population of more than nineteen thousand three hundred (19,300) but less than twenty thousand (20,000). At least twenty percent (20%) of the taxes received by a town under this clause must be transferred to the school corporation in which the town is located.

(C) Five percent (5%) of the admissions tax collected during the quarter shall be paid to a town having a population of more than three thousand five hundred (3,500) located in a county having a population of more than nineteen thousand three hundred (19,300) but less than twenty thousand (20,000). At least twenty percent (20%) of the taxes received by a town under this clause must be transferred to the school corporation in which the town is located.

(D) Twenty percent (20%) of the admissions tax collected during the quarter shall be paid in equal amounts to each town that:

(i) is located in the county in which the riverboat is located; and

(ii) contains a historic hotel.

At least twenty percent (20%) of the taxes received by a town under this clause must be transferred to the school corporation in which the town is located.

(E) Ten percent (10%) of the admissions tax collected during the quarter shall be paid to the Orange County development commission established under IC 36-7-11.5. At least one-third (1/3) of the taxes paid to the Orange County development commission under this clause must be transferred to the Orange County convention and visitors bureau.

(F) Thirteen percent (13%) of the admissions tax collected during the quarter shall be paid to the West Baden Springs historic hotel preservation and maintenance fund established by IC 36-7-11.5-11(b).

(G) Twenty-five percent (25%) of the admissions tax collected during the quarter shall be paid to the Indiana economic development corporation to be used by the corporation for the development and implementation of a regional economic development strategy to assist the residents of the county in which the riverboat is located and residents of contiguous counties in improving their quality of life and to help promote successful and sustainable communities. The regional economic development strategy must include goals concerning the following issues:

- (i) Job creation and retention.
- (ii) Infrastructure, including water, wastewater, and storm water infrastructure needs.
- (iii) Housing.
- (iv) Workforce training.
- (v) Health care.
- (vi) Local planning.
- (vii) Land use.
- (viii) Assistance to regional economic development groups.
- (ix) Other regional development issues as determined by the Indiana economic development corporation.

(2) With respect to admissions taxes collected for a person admitted to the riverboat after June 30, 2010, the following amounts:

(A) Twenty-nine and thirty-three hundredths percent (29.33%) to the county treasurer of Orange County. The county treasurer shall distribute the money received under this clause as follows:

- (i) Twenty-two and seventy-five hundredths percent (22.75%) to the county treasurer of Dubois County for distribution in the manner described in subdivision (1)(A)(i).
- (ii) Twenty-two and seventy-five hundredths percent (22.75%) to the county treasurer of Crawford County for distribution in the manner described in subdivision (1)(A)(ii).
- (iii) Fifty-four and five-tenths percent (54.5%) to be retained by the county treasurer of Orange County for appropriation by the county fiscal body after receiving a recommendation from the county executive.

(B) Six and sixty-seven hundredths percent (6.67%) to the fiscal officer of the town of Orleans. At least twenty percent (20%) of the taxes received by the town under this clause must be transferred to Orleans Community Schools.

(C) Six and sixty-seven hundredths percent (6.67%) to the fiscal officer of the town of Paoli. At least twenty percent (20%) of the taxes received by the town under this clause must be transferred to the Paoli Community School Corporation.

(D) Twenty-six and sixty-seven hundredths percent (26.67%) to be paid in equal amounts to the fiscal officers of the towns of French Lick and West Baden Springs. At least twenty percent (20%) of the taxes received by a town under this clause must be transferred to the Springs Valley Community School Corporation.

(E) Thirty and sixty-six hundredths percent (30.66%) to the Indiana economic development corporation to be used in the manner described in subdivision (1)(G).

(d) With respect to tax revenue collected from a riverboat that operates from a county having a population of more than four hundred thousand (400,000) but less than seven hundred thousand (700,000), the treasurer of state shall quarterly pay the following amounts:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (k), one dollar (\$1) of the admissions tax collected by the licensed owner for each person:

(A) embarking on a gambling excursion during the quarter;  
or

(B) admitted to a riverboat during the quarter that has implemented flexible scheduling under IC 4-33-6-21;  
shall be paid to the city in which the riverboat is docked.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (k), one dollar (\$1) of the admissions tax collected by the licensed owner for each person:

(A) embarking on a gambling excursion during the quarter;  
or

(B) admitted to a riverboat during the quarter that has implemented flexible scheduling under IC 4-33-6-21;  
shall be paid to the county in which the riverboat is docked.

(3) Except as provided in subsection (k), nine cents (\$0.09) of the admissions tax collected by the licensed owner for each person:

(A) embarking on a gambling excursion during the quarter;  
or

(B) admitted to a riverboat during the quarter that has implemented flexible scheduling under IC 4-33-6-21;  
shall be paid to the county convention and visitors bureau or promotion fund for the county in which the riverboat is docked.

(4) Except as provided in subsection (k), one cent (\$0.01) of the admissions tax collected by the licensed owner for each person:

(A) embarking on a gambling excursion during the quarter;  
or

(B) admitted to a riverboat during the quarter that has implemented flexible scheduling under IC 4-33-6-21;  
shall be paid to the northwest Indiana law enforcement training center.

(5) Except as provided in subsection (k), fifteen cents (\$0.15) of the admissions tax collected by the licensed owner for each person:

(A) embarking on a gambling excursion during the quarter;  
or

(B) admitted to a riverboat during a quarter that has implemented flexible scheduling under IC 4-33-6-21;

shall be paid to the state fair commission for use in any activity that the commission is authorized to carry out under IC 15-13-3.

(6) Except as provided in subsection (k), ten cents (\$0.10) of the admissions tax collected by the licensed owner for each person:

(A) embarking on a gambling excursion during the quarter; or

(B) admitted to a riverboat during the quarter that has implemented flexible scheduling under IC 4-33-6-21;

shall be paid to the division of mental health and addiction. The division shall allocate at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds derived from the admissions tax to the prevention and treatment of compulsive gambling.

(7) Except as provided in subsection (k) and section 7 of this chapter, sixty-five cents (\$0.65) of the admissions tax collected by the licensed owner for each person embarking on a gambling excursion during the quarter or admitted to a riverboat during the quarter that has implemented flexible scheduling under IC 4-33-6-21 shall be paid to the Indiana horse racing commission to be distributed as follows, in amounts determined by the Indiana horse racing commission, for the promotion and operation of horse racing in Indiana:

(A) To one (1) or more breed development funds established by the Indiana horse racing commission under IC 4-31-11-10.

(B) To a racetrack that was approved by the Indiana horse racing commission under IC 4-31. The commission may make a grant under this clause only for purses, promotions, and routine operations of the racetrack. No grants shall be made for long term capital investment or construction, and no grants shall be made before the racetrack becomes operational and is offering a racing schedule.

(e) Money paid to a unit of local government under subsection (b), (c), or (d):

(1) must be paid to the fiscal officer of the unit and may be deposited in the unit's general fund or riverboat fund established under IC 36-1-8-9, or both;

(2) may not be used to reduce the unit's maximum levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5 but may be used at the discretion of the unit to reduce the property tax levy of the unit for a particular year;

(3) may be used for any legal or corporate purpose of the unit, including the pledge of money to bonds, leases, or other obligations under IC 5-1-14-4; and

(4) is considered miscellaneous revenue.

(f) Money paid by the treasurer of state under subsection (b)(3) or (d)(3) shall be:

(1) deposited in:

(A) the county convention and visitor promotion fund; or

(B) the county's general fund if the county does not have a

convention and visitor promotion fund; and

(2) used only for the tourism promotion, advertising, and economic development activities of the county and community.

(g) Money received by the division of mental health and addiction under subsections (b)(5) and (d)(6):

(1) is annually appropriated to the division of mental health and addiction;

(2) shall be distributed to the division of mental health and addiction at times during each state fiscal year determined by the budget agency; and

(3) shall be used by the division of mental health and addiction for programs and facilities for the prevention and treatment of addictions to drugs, alcohol, and compulsive gambling, including the creation and maintenance of a toll free telephone line to provide the public with information about these addictions. The division shall allocate at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the money received to the prevention and treatment of compulsive gambling.

(h) This subsection applies to the following:

(1) Each entity receiving money under subsection (b).

(2) Each entity receiving money under subsection (d)(1) through (d)(2).

(3) Each entity receiving money under subsection (d)(5) through (d)(7).

The treasurer of state shall determine the total amount of money paid by the treasurer of state to an entity subject to this subsection during the state fiscal year 2002. The amount determined under this subsection is the base year revenue for each entity subject to this subsection. The treasurer of state shall certify the base year revenue determined under this subsection to each entity subject to this subsection.

(i) This subsection applies to an entity receiving money under subsection (d)(3) or (d)(4). The treasurer of state shall determine the total amount of money paid by the treasurer of state to the entity described in subsection (d)(3) during state fiscal year 2002. The amount determined under this subsection multiplied by nine-tenths (0.9) is the base year revenue for the entity described in subsection (d)(3). The amount determined under this subsection multiplied by one-tenth (0.1) is the base year revenue for the entity described in subsection (d)(4). The treasurer of state shall certify the base year revenue determined under this subsection to each entity subject to this subsection.

(j) This subsection does not apply to an entity receiving money under subsection (c). For state fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2002, the total amount of money distributed to an entity under this section during a state fiscal year may not exceed the entity's base year revenue as determined under subsection (h) or (i). If the treasurer of state determines that the total amount of money distributed to an entity under this section during a state fiscal year is less than the entity's base year revenue, the treasurer of state shall

make a supplemental distribution to the entity under IC 4-33-13-5(g).

(k) This subsection does not apply to an entity receiving money under subsection (c). For state fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2002, the treasurer of state shall pay that part of the riverboat admissions taxes that:

- (1) exceeds a particular entity's base year revenue; and
- (2) would otherwise be due to the entity under this section;

to the state general fund instead of to the entity.

*As added by P.L.277-1993(ss), SEC.124. Amended by P.L.2-1995, SEC.10; P.L.54-1995, SEC.2; P.L.90-1997, SEC.2; P.L.151-2001, SEC.1; P.L.215-2001, SEC.6; P.L.178-2002, SEC.2; P.L.192-2002(ss), SEC.23; P.L.1-2003, SEC.10; P.L.92-2003, SEC.53; P.L.4-2005, SEC.23; P.L.233-2007, SEC.16; P.L.234-2007, SEC.280; P.L.3-2008, SEC.13; P.L.146-2008, SEC.17; P.L.96-2010, SEC.3.*

#### **IC 4-33-12-6.2**

##### **Repealed**

*(Repealed by P.L.192-2002(ss), SEC.190.)*

#### **IC 4-33-12-7**

##### **Distributions to the Indiana horse racing commission**

Sec. 7. (a) The maximum amount paid to the Indiana horse racing commission under this article in a state fiscal year may not exceed the remainder of:

- (1) the Indiana horse racing commission's base year revenue as determined under section 6(h) of this chapter; minus
- (2) the amount of money, if any, distributed by licensees under IC 4-35-7-12 to horsemen's associations and for horse racing purses and breed development in the state fiscal year.

(b) For each state fiscal year, the treasurer of state shall pay an amount equal to the lesser of:

- (1) the amount of admissions taxes specified in:
  - (A) section 6(b)(6) of this chapter; and
  - (B) section 6(d)(7) of this chapter; or
- (2) the amount of money distributed under IC 4-35-7-12 that is subtracted from the Indiana horse racing commission's base year revenue under subsection (a);

to the state general fund instead of to the Indiana horse racing commission.

*As added by P.L.233-2007, SEC.17.*