



GUIDANCE ON UNCLAIMED VOUCHER SUBMISSIONS

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This document is to provide guidance to historic horse racing operators with respect to submitting information and money to the State in relation to unclaimed historic horse racing vouchers. These vouchers are currently governed by RSA 284:31 which states:

On or before January 31 of each year every person, association, or corporation conducting a race or race meet, whether live racing, simulcast racing, or historic horse racing hereunder shall pay to the state treasurer all moneys collected during the previous year of pari-mutuel pool tickets and vouchers which have not been redeemed. The books or records of said person, association, or corporation, which clearly show the tickets entitled to reimbursement in any given race, live, simulcast, or historic, shall be forwarded to the lottery commission. Such moneys shall become a part of the special fund established in RSA 284:21-j. The state treasurer shall pay the amount due on any ticket or voucher to the holder thereof from funds not otherwise appropriated upon an order from the lottery commission. Pari-mutuel tickets and vouchers which remain unclaimed after 11 months shall not be paid. Vouchers shall be remitted to the state treasurer on January 31 of the calendar year, 24 months after the year of the unclaimed voucher.

This statutory language is not clear in identifying the timing of the licensees' obligations. Our interpretation is that only 2021 vouchers would be due to the State in 2024. As there were no historic horse racing operations in that year, there are no current obligations with respect to unclaimed vouchers.

We are working with the legislature in the hopes of making the process related to unclaimed vouchers clearer and more efficient for all parties and hope to have that process in place before HHR vouchers would become payable to the State.

If you have questions related to this guidance, please contact us by email at:

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