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Bill Summary

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1 **Racing Commission operations.** Provides that if a fiscal biennium ends without enactment of an appropriation to the Racing Commission, receipts in the racing and card playing regulation account are annually appropriated to the commission, up to the amount authorized in the second year of the most recently-ended biennium, until a biennial appropriation is enacted.

2 **Racing Commission reimbursement account.** Under current law, money received by the Racing Commission for costs of services provided by veterinarians, stewards, and medical testing of horses is credited to a racing reimbursement account, with money in the account appropriated to the commission to pay costs of providing services. This section provides that:

- regulatory fees received by the Racing Commission also are deposited in the account and appropriated to the commission;
- money appropriated to the commission from the account is for all costs necessary to fulfill its regulatory duties; and
- the commission must continue operations if there is a state government shutdown.

3 **Racing commission; card club.** Appropriates to the Racing Commission amounts that a card club licensee pays the commission for costs of regulating the card club.

4 **Gambling Control Board.** Provides that if a fiscal biennium ends without enactment of an appropriation to the Gambling Control Board, receipts in the lawful gambling regulation account are annually appropriated to the board, up to the amount authorized in the second year of the most recently-ended biennium, until a biennial appropriation is enacted.

5 **Minnesota Lottery.** Requires the Minnesota Lottery to conduct ongoing operations, and provides that all funds available to the lottery under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 349A, are appropriated to the lottery on a ongoing basis.