AGRICULTURAL FAIRS.

AN ACT relating to fairs; providing for the financing thereof; creating a fair fund in the custody of the State Treasurer; amending sections 2, 5, and 6 of chapter 200 of the Laws of 1939, and section 9 of chapter 55 of the Laws of 1933, as amended by section 30 of chapter 182 of the Laws of 1935; and repealing sections 3 and 7 of chapter 200 of the Laws of 1939.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 200 of the Laws of 1939 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. For the purposes of this act, all agricultural fairs held in the State of Washington wherein 4-H Club or Smith-Hughes students participate shall be divided into classes A, B, C and D. Requisites. A class A fair is one which has been in existence for two or more years and has had 4-H Club, Smith-Hughes student, and general competition among persons from five or more counties for two or more years. A class B fair is a fair which is open to all exhibitors in the county wherein said fair is held and which has sponsored classifications for 4-H Club work or Smith-Hughes vocational work for two or more years but which does not fall within the description of a class A fair. A class C fair is a fair which has for two or more years been open to competition among all 4-H Club and Smith-Hughes vocational students in a particular county, but which has not had general open competition. A class D fair is one which has either open competition or boys’ and girls’ 4-H Club or Smith-Hughes vocational competition, or all of these, but wherein said competition is restricted to an area smaller than a county, of which there may be several in one county.
Amendments.

SEC. 2. Section 5 of chapter 200 of the Laws of 1939 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 5. Yakima is hereby designated as a site for an annual state 4-H Club fair, and said state 4-H fair shall be designated and shall participate in this act as a class A fair.

Amendments.

SEC. 3. Section 6 of chapter 200 of the Laws of 1939 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 6. For the purpose of encouraging 4-H Club and Smith-Hughes work at county and community fairs and other fairs where such competition is permitted, provision is hereby made that the board of trustees of any agricultural fair, which offers prizes for the products and articles displayed by 4-H boys' and girls' clubs and/or Smith-Hughes vocational training students, may apply to the Director of Agriculture of the State of Washington for an amount of money as herein set out. It shall be the duty of the Director of Agriculture to allot funds, annually to the participating fairs and to issue vouchers to be paid by the State Treasurer out of the "fair fund" hereinafter referred to, in the following amounts: Among the class A fairs, forty per cent (40%) of the amount in the fair fund shall be paid pro rata; twenty five per cent (25%) of the amount in the fair fund paid pro rata among the class B fairs; twenty per cent (20%) of the amount in said fund shall be paid pro rata among the class C fairs; and ten per cent (10%) of the amount in said fund shall be paid pro rata among the class D fairs, but said payment shall not exceed fifty per cent (50%) of the total value of premiums or prizes awarded by any such class D fair. Any money remaining in such fund shall be disbursed by the Director of Agriculture by making an additional payment to such fairs as he may deem necessary and appropriate for the continued development and operation of said fairs. The division and payment
of said fund shall occur at such times as the Director of Agriculture shall fix.

Sec. 4. Section 9 of chapter 55 of the Laws of 1933, as amended by section 30 of chapter 182 of the Laws of 1935 (section 8312-9 of Rem. Rev. Stat.) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 9. In addition to the license fees required by this act, the licensee shall pay to the Racing Commission five (5) per centum of the gross receipts of all pari-mutuel machines at each race meet, which sums shall be paid daily to the Racing Commission. All sums paid to the commission, together with all sums collected for license fees under the provisions of this act, shall be disposed of by the commission as follows: Twenty (20) per centum thereof shall be paid to and retained by the commission for the payment of the salary of its members; of its secretary, and the salaries of all other clerical, office, and other help employed by the commission, together with all expenses in connection with the carrying out of the provisions of this act, except that no payment need be made for office accommodations furnished by the state: Provided, however, That no salary, wages, expenses or compensation of any kind shall be paid by the State of Washington for, or in connection with the work of the commission in carrying out the provisions of this act; of the remaining eighty (80) per centum of all sums collected by the commission sixty-two and one half (62½) per centum shall, on the next business day following the receipt thereof, be paid to the State Treasurer, and by him placed in the general fund of the state treasury. The remaining seventeen and one half (17½) per centum shall, on said next business day, be paid to the State Treasurer, who is hereby made ex officio treasurer of a fund to be known as the “fair fund,” which fund shall be maintained as a separate and independent fund outside
Fair fund of the state treasury, which fund is hereby made available to the Director of Agriculture for the sole purpose of assisting fairs in the manner provided in section 6 of chapter 200 of the Laws of 1939, as amended. Any monies collected or paid to the commission under the terms of this act, and not expended at the time of making its report to the legislature, shall be paid to the Treasurer and be placed in the general fund of the state treasury.

Sec. 5. The Director of Agriculture may make rules and regulations as to the method by which the trustees or other authority in charge thereof may make a fair a participant under the terms of chapter 200 of the Laws of 1939, and the Director of Agriculture may further make rules and regulations governing the accounting to be made by participating fairs.

Sec. 6. Sections 3 and 7 of chapter 200 of the Laws of 1939 are hereby repealed.

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