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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Town of White Hall in Lowndes County;
to allow the authorization of pari-mutuel wagering on
simulcast past events and live horse and dog races under
certain conditions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. As used in this act, the following words
have the following meanings:

(1) COUNCIL. The Town Council of the Town of White Hall
in Lowndes County.

(2) LICENSEE. A person or entity licensed by the
council to conduct charitable bingo pursuant to Sections
43A-2.00 or 43A-2.01 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022,
with the mailing address of 6999 Highway 80 West, Hayneville,
Alabama 36040.

(3) SIMULCAST. Televised or broadcast by other
electronic means.

Section 2. The council may authorize the licensee to
conduct pari-mutuel wagering on simulcast past events and live
horse and greyhound races.

Section 3. (a) The council shall adopt rules specifying



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29 the conditions under which the licensee, as part of its
30 licensed activity, may cause simulcast programming of
31 pari-mutuel events, including both past events and live horse
32 racing and greyhound racing, held at racetracks located
33 outside the state to be transmitted for public viewing to the
34 licensee and there made the subject of pari-mutuel wagering.

35 (b) Subject to the exceptions as the council may
36 approve by rule in order to satisfy applicable requirements of
37 federal law, all pari-mutuel wagering with respect to racing
38 events that are the subject of simulcast programming shall be
39 subject to the rules of the council governing pari-mutuel
40 wagering.

41 (c) The council shall be entitled to no revenues from
42 the simulcast programming of racing events other than the
43 following:

44 (1) The commission horse wagering fee due with respect
45 to that part of the horse racing handle wagered in simulcast
46 horse racing events by bettors placing bets at the facility in
47 the jurisdiction of the council.

48 (2) The commission greyhound wagering fee due with
49 respect to that part of the greyhound wagering handle wagered
50 on simulcast greyhound racing events by bettors placing bets
51 at the facility in the jurisdiction of the council.

52 (d) (1) If permitted by federal law and made possible by
53 contractual arrangements with the operator of the racetrack
54 that originates the simulcast programming, the licensee may
55 conduct pari-mutuel wagering on past events and live horse
56 racing or greyhound racing events simulcast to the facility in



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57 the municipal jurisdiction of the council from locations
58 outside the state.

59 (2) When conducting pari-mutuel wagering under
60 subdivision (1), the pari-mutuel pools for the wagering may be
61 limited to bets made by bettors placing bets at the facility
62 located in the jurisdiction of the council or, alternatively,
63 the pari-mutuel pools may include bets made by bettors placing
64 bets at the facility that conducts the simulcast event, as
65 well as bets made by bettors placing bets at one or more
66 locations outside the state; provided that to the extent
67 bettors placing bets at the facility located in the
68 jurisdiction of the council participate in the pari-mutuel
69 pools, the total amount wagered by the bettors shall be
70 administered in accordance with the rules of the council.

71 Section 4. Nothing contained in this act shall be
72 construed to authorize or make lawful "off-track betting" or
73 wagering or gambling of any kind at any location in the state
74 other than at the facility licensed by the council. All laws
75 of the state, whether local or general, and all ordinances of
76 any political subdivision thereof, that prohibit, restrict, or
77 regulate wagering or gambling of any kind outside the
78 jurisdiction of the council shall not be affected by this act,
79 and shall remain in full force and effect.

80 Section 5. This act shall become effective on the first
81 day of the third month following its passage and approval by
82 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.