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RE: Sports Wagering Excise Tax in Kentucky

To Businesses Impacted by House Bill 551 ([HB 551](#)),

The Department of Revenue (DOR) has received information indicating your business is licensed to conduct sports wagering in Kentucky. Effective June 29, 2023, Kentucky tax law ([HB 551](#)) established a new 9.75% excise tax on the adjusted gross revenue on wagers placed at the licensed track and 14.25% on the adjusted gross revenue on wagers placed online via websites or mobile applications or other off-site technology approved by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC). The provisions of this new tax are available under [KRS 138.552](#). The sports wagering excise tax is the direct obligation of the licensed racetrack conducting sports wagering.

The sports wagering excise tax return and payment are due on or before the 20th of the month following the month in which the wagers occur. The first monthly reporting period, September 2023, is due October 20th, 2023. All excise tax monthly returns must be filed and paid electronically through the [Sports Wagering Tax Application](#). The sports wagering tax account number will be the same as your DOR pari-mutuel tax account number. A filing guide is available on DOR's [Sports Wagering Excise Tax](#) webpage.

Answers to frequently asked questions can be found on [TaxAnswers.ky.gov](#). If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact the Excise Tax Section at (502) 564-6823 or by email at DOR.WebResponseExciseTax@ky.gov.

Sincerely,

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