

**Racing Commission
Budget No. 670
House Bill No. 1023**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2019-21 legislative appropriation	2.00	\$399,072	\$165,965	\$565,037
2017-19 legislative appropriation	<u>2.00</u>	<u>379,621</u>	<u>162,557</u>	<u>542,178</u>
2019-21 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2017-19 appropriation	0.00	\$19,451	\$3,408	\$22,859

Item Description

Agency location - The Racing Commission currently leases office space from the Attorney General's office, at 500 North Ninth Street in Bismarck, and included \$17,696 in its 2019-21 biennium appropriation for lease costs.

Revenues and the impact of COVID-19 - The 2019-21 biennium general fund revenue forecast includes receiving \$466,686 of revenue from fees charged by the Racing Commission. During the week of March 16, 2020, the agency began taking measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Status/Result

At the end of the 2019 legislative session the Attorney General's office asked the Racing Commission to relocate its office. As a result of this request, the Racing Commission anticipates requesting an increase in its general fund appropriation for rent and associated expenses during the 2021-23 biennium. The Racing Commission anticipates moving once a viable location has been found.

The Racing Commission is expecting a significant reduction in fee collections from its licensees during the 2019-21 biennium. This is due largely to major changes in the market and COVID-19 forcing track closures. The Racing Commission anticipates a 25 percent or larger reduction in revenue collections, which would result in at least \$116,672 less revenues deposited in the general fund.