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By House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Heavey, L. Johnson, King and Roland)

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1 AN ACT Relating to compulsive gambling; amending RCW 67.70.240;
2 adding new sections to chapter 9.46 RCW; adding a new section to
3 chapter 67.70 RCW; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

6 (1) The state, through the activities of the state lottery
7 commission and the Washington state gambling commission, is actively
8 involved in promoting and regulating gambling and bears a direct
9 responsibility to identify and address problems created or exacerbated
10 by the presence of legalized gambling in Washington state;

11 (2) Compulsive gambling is a serious personal and social problem,
12 and there is evidence that a significant percentage of the population
13 is currently affected and that increasing the availability of gambling
14 increases the risk that more citizens will become dependent upon
15 gambling; and

16 (3) The state recognizes the responsibility to address the issue of
17 problem gambling by establishing appropriate programs and providing
18 funding to further the understanding, assessment, and treatment of
19 problem gambling.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The commission and state lottery commission shall provide the
4 following services:

5 (1) Maintain and actively promote a toll-free telephone number
6 providing crisis counseling and referral services to individuals and
7 families experiencing difficulty as a result of problem or compulsive
8 gambling;

9 (2) Establish and expand public awareness programs that include,
10 but are not limited to, brochures and other printed materials and
11 public service announcements;

12 (3) Facilitate the availability of effective assistance programs
13 for problem or compulsive gamblers;

14 (4) Conduct ongoing studies to identify populations of adults and
15 adolescents who are, or who are at risk of becoming, problem or
16 compulsive gamblers; and

17 (5) Create an adolescent prevention program on pathological
18 gambling.

19 The commission may contract with a nonprofit, state-based
20 organization to carry out the services provided under this section.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW
22 to read as follows:

23 The compulsive gambling account is created in the custody of the
24 state treasurer. All receipts from the commission and state lottery
25 commission, under sections 4 and 6 of this act, shall be deposited into
26 the account. Expenditures from the account may be used only for the
27 purposes of section 2 of this act. Only the chairman of the commission
28 may authorize expenditures from the compulsive gambling account. The
29 account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but
30 no appropriation is required for expenditures. The state treasurer may
31 receive gifts, grants, donations, devises, and bequests of moneys for
32 this account from governmental agencies, public or private entities, or
33 individuals who may be interested in making contributions for the
34 purpose of this section.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 67.70 RCW
36 to read as follows:

1 The commission shall deposit an amount equal to one-twentieth of
2 one percent of the annual gross lottery revenues per year into the
3 compulsive gambling account established under section 3 of this act.

4 **Sec. 5.** RCW 67.70.240 and 1987 c 513 s 7 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The moneys in the state lottery account shall be used only: (1)
7 For the payment of prizes to the holders of winning lottery tickets or
8 shares; (2) for purposes of making deposits into the reserve account
9 created by RCW 67.70.250 and into the lottery administrative account
10 created by RCW 67.70.260; (3) for purposes of making deposits into the
11 state's general fund; (4) ~~((for purposes of making deposits into the
12 housing trust fund under the provisions of section 7 of this 1987 act;
13 (5)))~~ for the purchase and promotion of lottery games and game-related
14 services; ~~((and (6)))~~ (5) for the payment of agent compensation; and
15 (6) for the purpose of section 2 of this act.

16 The office of financial management shall require the allotment of
17 all expenses paid from the account and shall report to the ways and
18 means committees of the senate and house of representatives any changes
19 in the allotments.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW
21 to read as follows:

22 The commission shall deposit an amount equal to two and one-half
23 percent of the annual license fees per year collected by the commission
24 into the compulsive gambling account established under section 3 of
25 this act.

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