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SENATE BILL 6000

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By Senators Schow, Heavey, Horn and Oke

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1            AN ACT Relating to using state lottery moneys for compulsive  
2 gambling education and awareness; amending RCW 9.46.071, 67.70.240, and  
3 67.70.042; and making an appropriation.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.071 and 1994 c 218 s 6 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            The legislature recognizes that some individuals in this state are  
8 problem or compulsive gamblers. Because the state promotes and  
9 regulates gambling through the activities of the state lottery  
10 commission, the Washington horse racing commission, and the Washington  
11 state gambling commission, the state has the responsibility to continue  
12 to provide resources for the support of services for problem and  
13 compulsive gamblers. Therefore, the Washington state gambling  
14 commission, the Washington horse racing commission, and the state  
15 lottery commission shall jointly develop informational signs concerning  
16 problem and compulsive gambling which include a toll-free hot line  
17 number for problem and compulsive gamblers. The signs shall be placed  
18 in the establishments of gambling licensees, horse racing licensees,  
19 and lottery retailers.

1       The Washington state gambling commission shall adopt rules to  
2 implement a program for the purpose of compulsive gambling education  
3 and awareness.

4       **Sec. 2.** RCW 67.70.240 and 1995 3rd sp.s. c 1 s 105 are each  
5 amended to read 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 distribution to a county for the purpose of paying the  
14 principal and interest payments on bonds issued by the county to  
15 construct a baseball stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including  
16 reasonably necessary preconstruction costs; ~~((+6))~~ (5) for the  
17 purchase and promotion of lottery games and game-related services and,  
18 from the state lottery's advertising budget, for the purposes of  
19 section 1 of this act; and ((+7)) (6) for the payment of agent  
20 compensation. Three million dollars shall be distributed under  
21 subsection ((+5)) (4) of this section during calendar year 1996.  
22 During subsequent years, such distributions shall equal the prior  
23 year's distributions increased by four percent. Distributions under  
24 subsection ((+5)) (4) of this section shall cease when the bonds  
25 issued for the construction of the baseball stadium are retired, but  
26 not more than twenty years after the tax under RCW 82.14.0485 is first  
27 imposed.

28       The office of financial management shall require the allotment of  
29 all expenses paid from the account and shall report to the ways and  
30 means committees of the senate and house of representatives any changes  
31 in the allotments.

32       **Sec. 3.** RCW 67.70.042 and 1995 3rd sp.s. c 1 s 104 are each  
33 amended to read as follows:

34       The lottery commission shall conduct at least two but not more than  
35 four scratch games with sports themes per year. These games are  
36 intended to generate additional moneys sufficient to cover the  
37 distributions under RCW 67.70.240~~((+5))~~ (4).

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    The sum of one hundred fifty thousand  
2 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for  
3 the biennium ending June 30, 1999, from the state lottery account under  
4 RCW 67.70.240(5) to the Washington state gambling commission for the  
5 purposes of section 1 of this act.

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