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HOUSE BILL 1625

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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 and 67.70.240;  
3 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 1997 c 220 s 206 (Referendum Bill No.  
5 48) are each amended to read as follows:

6       The moneys in the state lottery account shall be used only:

7       (1) For the payment of prizes to the holders of winning lottery  
8 tickets or shares;

9       (2) For purposes of making deposits into the reserve account  
10 created by RCW 67.70.250 and into the lottery administrative account  
11 created by RCW 67.70.260;

12       (3) For purposes of making deposits into the state's general fund;

13       (4) 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. Three million dollars  
17 shall be distributed under this subsection during calendar year 1996.  
18 During subsequent years, such distributions shall equal the prior  
19 year's distributions increased by four percent. Distributions under  
20 this subsection shall cease when the bonds issued for the construction  
21 of the baseball stadium are retired, but not more than twenty years  
22 after the tax under RCW 82.14.0485 is first imposed;

23       (5) For distribution to the stadium and exhibition center account,  
24 created in RCW 43.99N.060. Subject to the conditions of RCW  
25 43.99N.070, six million dollars shall be distributed under this  
26 subsection during the calendar year 1998. During subsequent years,  
27 such distribution shall equal the prior year's distributions increased  
28 by four percent. No distribution may be made under this subsection  
29 after December 31, 1999, unless the conditions for issuance of the  
30 bonds under RCW 43.99N.020(2) are met. Distributions under this  
31 subsection shall cease when the bonds are retired, but not later than  
32 December 31, 2020;

33       (6) For the purchase and promotion of lottery games and game-  
34 related services and, from the state lottery's advertising budget, for  
35 the purposes of RCW 9.46.071; and

36       (7) For the payment of agent compensation.

37       The office of financial management shall require the allotment of  
38 all expenses paid from the account and shall report to the ways and

1 means committees of the senate and house of representatives any changes  
2 in the allotments.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of three hundred thousand dollars,  
4 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the  
5 biennium ending June 30, 2001, from the state lottery account under RCW  
6 67.70.240(6) to the Washington state gambling commission for the  
7 purposes of section 1 of this act.

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