
SENATE BILL 6520

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By Senators Prentice and Carlson

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1 AN ACT Relating to pathological gambling; adding new sections to
2 chapter 70.96A RCW; and making appropriations.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.96A RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 A program for the treatment of pathological gambling is established
7 within the department of social and health services, to be administered
8 by a qualified person who has training and experience in handling
9 pathological gambling problems or the organization or administration of
10 treatment services for persons suffering from pathological gambling
11 problems.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.96A RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) To receive treatment under section 1 of this act, a person
15 must:

16 (a) Need treatment for pathological gambling, but be unable to
17 afford treatment; and

1 (b) Be targeted by the department as to be most amenable to
2 treatment.

3 (2) Treatment under section 1 of this act is limited to the funds
4 available to the department.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The sum of one million dollars, or as
6 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year
7 ending June 30, 2003, from the general fund to the division of alcohol
8 and substance abuse in the department of social and health services for
9 the treatment of pathological gamblers.

10 (2) The sum of one million dollars, or as much thereof as may be
11 necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004,
12 from the general fund to the division of alcohol and substance abuse in
13 the department of social and health services for the treatment of
14 pathological gamblers.

15 (3) The sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as
16 may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30,
17 2003, from the general fund to the Washington state gambling commission
18 for use in problem gambling prevention, youth education, public
19 awareness, training, and helpline services.

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21 may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30,
22 2004, from the general fund to the Washington state gambling commission
23 for use in problem gambling prevention, youth education, public
24 awareness, training, and helpline services.

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