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1 AN ACT Relating to information for compulsive gamblers; and  
2 amending RCW 9.46.071.

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

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

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

1 state lottery commission may also contract with other qualified  
2 entities to provide public awareness, training, and other services to  
3 ensure the intent of this section is fulfilled.

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