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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5953**

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**By** Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development  
(originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, Deccio, Keiser, Rasmussen  
and Kohl-Welles)

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1       AN ACT Relating to handicapping contests conducted by class 1  
2 racing associations; amending RCW 9.46.0237; and adding a new section  
3 to chapter 67.16 RCW.

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

5       **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.0237 and 1987 c 4 s 10 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7       "Gambling," as used in this chapter, means staking or risking  
8 something of value upon the outcome of a contest of chance or a future  
9 contingent event not under the person's control or influence, upon an  
10 agreement or understanding that the person or someone else will receive  
11 something of value in the event of a certain outcome. Gambling does  
12 not include fishing derbies as defined by this chapter, parimutuel  
13 betting and handicapping contests as authorized by chapter 67.16 RCW,  
14 bona fide business transactions valid under the law of contracts,  
15 including, but not limited to, contracts for the purchase or sale at a  
16 future date of securities or commodities, and agreements to compensate  
17 for loss caused by the happening of chance, including, but not limited  
18 to, contracts of indemnity or guarantee and life, health, or accident

1 insurance. In addition, a contest of chance which is specifically  
2 excluded from the definition of lottery under this chapter shall not  
3 constitute gambling.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 67.16 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 Class 1 racing associations may conduct horse race handicapping  
7 contests. The commission shall establish rules for the conduct of  
8 handicapping contests involving the outcome of multiple horse races.

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