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By Representatives Finn, Bailey, Kelley, and McCune

1 AN ACT Relating to a veteran lottery raffle; amending RCW
2 67.70.240; adding a new section to chapter 67.70 RCW; and creating a
3 new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** In recognition of the extraordinary
6 sacrifices made by the men and women serving in the United States armed
7 forces, including Washington state's national guard and reserves, the
8 legislature intends to authorize an ongoing source of funding to
9 preserve the veterans innovations program. This important program
10 provides assistance to military members and their families who face
11 extreme financial hardships due to extended deployments.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 67.70 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 Beginning in calendar year 2011, and on an annual basis thereafter,
15 the lottery will offer a statewide raffle to benefit veterans and their
16 families. The veterans raffle ticket will go on sale on Labor Day with
17 a drawing to occur on Veteran's Day, November 11th of each year.

1 **Sec. 3.** RCW 67.70.240 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 27 s 3 are each amended
2 to read as follows:

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

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

6 (2) For purposes of making deposits into the reserve account
7 created by RCW 67.70.250 and into the lottery administrative account
8 created by RCW 67.70.260;

9 (3) For purposes of making deposits into the education construction
10 fund created in RCW 43.135.045 and the Washington opportunity pathways
11 account created in RCW 28B.76.526. On and after July 1, 2010, all
12 deposits not otherwise obligated under this section shall be placed in
13 the Washington opportunity pathways account. Moneys in the state
14 lottery account deposited in the Washington opportunity pathways
15 account are included in "general state revenues" under RCW 39.42.070;

16 (4) For distribution to a county for the purpose of paying the
17 principal and interest payments on bonds issued by the county to
18 construct a baseball stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including
19 reasonably necessary preconstruction costs. Three million dollars
20 shall be distributed under this subsection during calendar year 1996.
21 During subsequent years, such distributions shall equal the prior
22 year's distributions increased by four percent. Distributions under
23 this subsection shall cease when the bonds issued for the construction
24 of the baseball stadium are retired, but not more than twenty years
25 after the tax under RCW 82.14.0485 is first imposed;

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

36 (6) For transfer to the veterans innovations program account. The
37 net revenues received from the sale of the annual Veteran's Day lottery
38 raffle conducted under section 2 of this act must be deposited into the

1 veterans innovations program account created in RCW 43.60A.185 for
2 purposes of serving veterans and their families. For purposes under
3 this subsection, "net revenues" means all revenues received from the
4 sale of veteran lottery raffle tickets less the sum of the amount paid
5 out in prizes and the actual administration expenses of the lottery
6 solely related to the veteran lottery raffle.

7 (7) For the purchase and promotion of lottery games and game-
8 related services; and

9 ((+7)) (8) For the payment of agent compensation.

10 The office of financial management shall require the allotment of
11 all expenses paid from the account and shall report to the ways and
12 means committees of the senate and house of representatives any changes
13 in the allotments.

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