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SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5552

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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Darneille, Kline, Chase, Nelson, Hasegawa, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, McAuliffe, and Shin) READ FIRST TIME 03/01/13.

- AN ACT Relating to improving child support collections by requiring reporting of compensation and establishing an intercept program; adding a new section to chapter 26.23 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9.46 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 67.16 RCW; creating a new section; prescribing penalties; and providing an effective date.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature recognizes that the state has an interest in ensuring that children are supported by their parents. It benefits the children and the state for the state to have an effective child support enforcement program. Therefore, the legislature intends to create new tools to increase the collection of child support obligations.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 26.23 RCW to read as follows:
- 15 (1) The department shall establish a gambling payment intercept 16 program to require licensees to withhold payments from winning players 17 who owe past due child support.

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- (2)(a) The department shall develop and maintain a gambling payment intercept registry to allow licensees to determine if a winning player owes past due child support.
 - (b) Information accessed through the registry is confidential. Licensees shall not use information obtained from the registry except as needed for the gambling payment intercept program and are subject to criminal penalties for the misuse of information as provided in RCW 26.23.120.
 - (3) If a licensee is required to file Form W-2G or a substantially equivalent form with the internal revenue service for a winning player who owes past due child support, before the payment of winnings from any gambling activity, the licensee:
 - (a) May deduct and retain an administrative fee in the amount of the lesser of three percent of the amount of past due child support withheld under (b) of this subsection; or one hundred dollars. If funds are available, the administrative fee shall be in addition to the amounts withheld in (b) of this subsection;
 - (b) Shall withhold the amount of past due child support owed from the winnings and within twenty-four hours, transmit the amount withheld; the full name, address, and social security number of the obligor parent; and the date, amount of payment, and location of the licensee to the department;
 - (c) Shall issue the obligor parent a receipt in a form prescribed by the department with the total amount withheld for past due child support and any administrative fee.
 - (4) Within two business days of receiving the withheld funds from the licensee, the department shall notify the obligor parent at the address provided by the licensee that the department intends to offset the obligor parent's past due child support with the winnings and provide the obligor parent with an opportunity to object.
- (5) A licensee that makes payment under this section is not liable to the person to whom the winner owes an outstanding debt.
 - (6) As used in this section, "licensee" means a licensee under chapter 9.46 RCW, a class 1 association licensed to conduct parimutuel wagering under RCW 67.16.105(2), or an operator of an advance deposit wagering system licensed under RCW 67.16.260.
 - (7) The department shall work with the Washington state gambling

- 1 commission to include participation in the gambling payment intercept
- 2 program when the commission is negotiating tribal gaming compacts with
- 3 the tribes.
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW 5 to read as follows:
- 6 (1)(a) Any licensee authorized to conduct a gambling activity under 7 this chapter shall participate in the gambling payment intercept 8 program as required by section 2 of this act.
- 9 (b) Any licensee who fails to comply with section 2 of this act may 10 be subject to suspension of its license or monetary penalties under 11 this chapter.
- 12 (2) The commission shall consider the gambling payment intercept 13 program as provided in section 2 of this act as an element to be 14 negotiated with federally recognized Indian tribes as provided in RCW 15 9.46.360.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 67.16 RCW to read as follows:
- 18 (1) Any class 1 association licensed to conduct parimutuel wagering 19 under RCW 67.16.105(2) and any operator of an advance deposit wagering 20 system licensed under RCW 67.16.260 shall participate in the gambling 21 payment intercept program as required by section 2 of this act.
- 22 (2) A licensee who fails to comply with section 2 of this act may 23 be subject to penalties as provided in RCW 67.16.270.
- 24 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 5.** This act takes effect July 1, 2014.

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