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1 AN ACT Relating to gambling addiction; and amending RCW 9.46.071  
2 and 42.56.230.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.071 and 2005 c 369 s 9 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1)(a) The legislature recognizes that some individuals in this  
7 state (~~are problem or pathological gamblers~~) have a gambling  
8 problem or gambling disorder. Because the state promotes and  
9 regulates gambling through the activities of the state lottery  
10 commission, the Washington horse racing commission, and the  
11 Washington state gambling commission, the state has the  
12 responsibility to continue to provide resources for the support of  
13 services for problem gambling and (~~pathological gamblers~~) gambling  
14 disorders. (~~Therefore,~~)

15 (b) The Washington state gambling commission, the Washington  
16 horse racing commission, and the state lottery commission shall  
17 jointly develop problem gambling and gambling disorder informational  
18 signs (~~concerning problem and pathological gambling~~) which include  
19 a toll-free hotline number for individuals with a gambling problem  
20 (~~and pathological gamblers~~) or gambling disorder. The signs shall

1 be placed in the establishments of gambling licensees, horse racing  
2 licensees, and lottery retailers. (~~In addition,~~)

3 (c) The Washington state gambling commission, the Washington  
4 horse racing commission, and the state lottery commission may also  
5 contract with other qualified entities to provide public awareness,  
6 training, and other services to ensure the intent of this section is  
7 fulfilled.

8 (d) Individuals and families impacted by a gambling problem or  
9 gambling disorder will benefit from the availability of a uniform  
10 self-exclusion program where people may voluntarily exclude  
11 themselves from gambling at multiple gambling establishments by  
12 submitting one self-exclusion form to the state from one location for  
13 all gambling activities. Therefore, the Washington state gambling  
14 commission must establish a statewide self-exclusion program for all  
15 licensees. The commission has discretion in establishing the scope,  
16 process, and requirements of the self-exclusion program, including  
17 denying, suspending, or revoking an application, license, or permit.  
18 However, the initial program must comply with the following minimum  
19 requirements:

20 (i) The program must allow persons to voluntarily exclude  
21 themselves from gambling at authorized gambling establishments that  
22 offer house-banked social card games;

23 (ii) The program must have a process for federally recognized  
24 Indian tribes or tribal enterprises that own gambling operations or  
25 facilities with class III gaming compacts to voluntarily participate  
26 in the self-exclusion program;

27 (iii) Any individual registered with the self-exclusion program  
28 created under this section is prohibited from participating in  
29 gambling activities associated with this program and forfeits all  
30 moneys and things of value obtained by the individual or owed to the  
31 individual by an authorized gambling establishment as a result of  
32 prohibited wagers or gambling activities. The commission may adopt  
33 rules for the forfeiture of any moneys or things of value, including  
34 wagers, obtained by an authorized gambling establishment while an  
35 individual is registered with the self-exclusion program created  
36 under this section.

37 Moneys and things of value forfeited under the self-exclusion  
38 program must be distributed to the problem gambling account created  
39 in RCW 41.05.751 and/or a charitable or nonprofit organization that

1 provides problem gambling services or increases awareness about  
2 problem gambling pursuant to rules adopted by the commission; and

3 (iv) The commission must adopt rules establishing the self-  
4 exclusion program by June 30, 2021.

5 (e) An individual who participates in the self-exclusion program  
6 does not have a cause of action against the state of Washington, the  
7 commission, or any gambling establishment, its employees, or officers  
8 for any acts or omissions in processing or enforcing the requirements  
9 of the self-exclusion program, including a failure to prevent an  
10 individual from gambling at an authorized gambling establishment.

11 (f) Any personal information collected, stored, or accessed under  
12 the self-exclusion program may only be used for the administration of  
13 the self-exclusion program and may not be disseminated for any  
14 purpose other than the administration of the self-exclusion program.

15 (2)(a) During any period in which RCW 82.04.285(2) is in effect,  
16 the commission may not increase fees payable by licensees under its  
17 jurisdiction for the purpose of funding services for problem gambling  
18 and ~~((pathological))~~ gambling disorder. Any fee imposed or increased  
19 by the commission, for the purpose of funding these services, before  
20 July 1, 2005, ~~((shall have))~~ has no force and effect after July 1,  
21 2005.

22 (b) During any period in which RCW 82.04.285(2) is not in effect:

23 (i) The commission, the Washington state horse racing commission,  
24 and the state lottery commission may contract for services, in  
25 addition to those authorized in subsection (1) of this section, to  
26 assist in providing for problem gambling and gambling disorder  
27 treatment ~~((of problem and pathological gambling))~~; and

28 (ii) The commission may increase fees payable by ~~((licenses~~  
29 ~~[licensees]))~~ licensees under its jurisdiction for the purpose of  
30 funding the problem gambling and gambling disorder services  
31 authorized in this section ~~((for problem and pathological gamblers))~~.

32 **Sec. 2.** RCW 42.56.230 and 2018 c 109 s 16 are each amended to  
33 read as follows:

34 The following personal information is exempt from public  
35 inspection and copying under this chapter:

36 (1) Personal information in any files maintained for students in  
37 public schools, patients or clients of public institutions or public  
38 health agencies, or welfare recipients;

39 (2)(a) Personal information:

1 (i) For a child enrolled in licensed child care in any files  
2 maintained by the department of children, youth, and families;

3 (ii) For a child enrolled in a public or nonprofit program  
4 serving or pertaining to children, adolescents, or students,  
5 including but not limited to early learning or child care services,  
6 parks and recreation programs, youth development programs, and after-  
7 school programs; or

8 (iii) For the family members or guardians of a child who is  
9 subject to the exemption under this subsection (2) if the family  
10 member or guardian has the same last name as the child or if the  
11 family member or guardian resides at the same address as the child  
12 and disclosure of the family member's or guardian's information would  
13 result in disclosure of the personal information exempted under  
14 (a)(i) and (ii) of this subsection.

15 (b) Emergency contact information under this subsection (2) may  
16 be provided to appropriate authorities and medical personnel for the  
17 purpose of treating the individual during an emergency situation;

18 (3) Personal information in files maintained for employees,  
19 appointees, or elected officials of any public agency to the extent  
20 that disclosure would violate their right to privacy;

21 (4) Information required of any taxpayer in connection with the  
22 assessment or collection of any tax if the disclosure of the  
23 information to other persons would: (a) Be prohibited to such persons  
24 by RCW 84.08.210, 82.32.330, 84.40.020, 84.40.340, or any ordinance  
25 authorized under RCW 35.102.145; or (b) violate the taxpayer's right  
26 to privacy or result in unfair competitive disadvantage to the  
27 taxpayer;

28 (5) Credit card numbers, debit card numbers, electronic check  
29 numbers, card expiration dates, or bank or other financial  
30 information as defined in RCW 9.35.005 including social security  
31 numbers, except when disclosure is expressly required by or governed  
32 by other law;

33 (6) Personal and financial information related to a small loan or  
34 any system of authorizing a small loan in RCW 31.45.093;

35 (7)(a) Any record used to prove identity, age, residential  
36 address, social security number, or other personal information  
37 required to apply for a driver's license or identicaid.

38 (b) Information provided under RCW 46.20.111 that indicates that  
39 an applicant declined to register with the selective service system.

1 (c) Any record pertaining to a vehicle license plate, driver's  
2 license, or identicard issued under RCW 46.08.066 that, alone or in  
3 combination with any other records, may reveal the identity of an  
4 individual, or reveal that an individual is or was, performing an  
5 undercover or covert law enforcement, confidential public health  
6 work, public assistance fraud, or child support investigative  
7 activity. This exemption does not prevent the release of the total  
8 number of vehicle license plates, drivers' licenses, or identicards  
9 that, under RCW 46.08.066, an agency or department has applied for,  
10 been issued, denied, returned, destroyed, lost, and reported for  
11 misuse.

12 (d) Any record pertaining to a vessel registration issued under  
13 RCW 88.02.330 that, alone or in combination with any other records,  
14 may reveal the identity of an individual, or reveal that an  
15 individual is or was, performing an undercover or covert law  
16 enforcement activity. This exemption does not prevent the release of  
17 the total number of vessel registrations that, under RCW 88.02.330,  
18 an agency or department has applied for, been issued, denied,  
19 returned, destroyed, lost, and reported for misuse;

20 (8) All information related to individual claims resolution  
21 structured settlement agreements submitted to the board of industrial  
22 insurance appeals under RCW 51.04.063, other than final orders from  
23 the board of industrial insurance appeals.

24 Upon request by the legislature, the department of licensing  
25 shall provide a report to the legislature containing all of the  
26 information in subsection (7)(c) and (d) of this section that is  
27 subject to public disclosure;

28 (9) Voluntarily submitted information contained in a database  
29 that is part of or associated with enhanced 911 emergency  
30 communications systems, or information contained or used in emergency  
31 notification systems as provided under RCW 38.52.575 and 38.52.577;  
32 ((and))

33 (10) Until the person reaches eighteen years of age, information,  
34 otherwise disclosable under chapter 29A.08 RCW, that relates to a  
35 future voter, except for the purpose of processing and delivering  
36 ballots; and

37 (11) All information submitted by a person to the state, either  
38 directly or through a state-licensed gambling establishment, or  
39 Indian tribes, or tribal enterprises that own gambling operations or  
40 facilities with class III gaming compacts, as part of the self-

1 exclusion program established in RCW 9.46.071 for people with a  
2 gambling problem or gambling disorder.

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