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1 AN ACT Relating to gambling; amending RCW 67.70.040 and 9.46.0311;
2 and repealing RCW 9.46.0233.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 67.70.040 and 1988 c 289 s 801 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The commission shall have the power, and it shall be its duty:

7 (1) To promulgate such rules governing the establishment and
8 operation of a state lottery as it deems necessary and desirable in
9 order that such a lottery be initiated at the earliest feasible and
10 practicable time, and in order that such lottery produce the maximum
11 amount of net revenues for the state consonant with the dignity of the
12 state and the general welfare of the people. Such rules shall include,
13 but shall not be limited to, the following:

14 (a) The type of lottery to be conducted which may include the
15 selling of tickets or shares, or the use of electronic or mechanical

1 devices or video terminals which do not require a printed ticket, but
2 prior legislative approval is required before any lottery mechanical
3 device is placed in the state: PROVIDED, That approval of the
4 legislature shall be required before entering any agreement with other
5 state lotteries to conduct shared games;

6 (b) The price, or prices, of tickets or shares in the lottery;

7 (c) The numbers and sizes of the prizes on the winning tickets or
8 shares;

9 (d) The manner of selecting the winning tickets or shares;

10 (e) The manner and time of payment of prizes to the holder of
11 winning tickets or shares which, at the director's option, may be paid
12 in lump sum amounts or installments over a period of years;

13 (f) The frequency of the drawings or selections of winning tickets
14 or shares, without limitation;

15 (g) Without limit as to number, the type or types of locations at
16 which tickets or shares may be sold;

17 (h) The method to be used in selling tickets or shares, which may
18 include the use of electronic or mechanical devices and video
19 terminals, but prior legislative approval is required before any
20 lottery mechanical device is placed in the state;

21 (i) The licensing of agents to sell or distribute tickets or
22 shares, except that a person under the age of eighteen shall not be
23 licensed as an agent;

24 (j) The manner and amount of compensation, if any, to be paid
25 licensed sales agents necessary to provide for the adequate
26 availability of tickets or shares to prospective buyers and for the
27 convenience of the public;

28 (k) The apportionment of the total revenues accruing from the sale
29 of lottery tickets or shares and from all other sources among: (i) The
30 payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets or shares, which

1 shall not be less than forty-five percent of the gross annual revenue
2 from such lottery, less amounts of unclaimed prizes deposited in the
3 general fund under RCW 67.70.190 during the fiscal year ending June 30,
4 1989, (ii) transfers to the lottery administrative account created by
5 RCW 67.70.260, and (iii) transfer to the state's general fund.
6 Transfers to the state general fund shall be made in compliance with
7 RCW 43.01.050;

8 (1) Such other matters necessary or desirable for the efficient and
9 economical operation and administration of the lottery and for the
10 convenience of the purchasers of tickets or shares and the holders of
11 winning tickets or shares.

12 (2) To ensure that in each place authorized to sell lottery tickets
13 or shares, on the back of the ticket or share, and in any advertising
14 or promotion there shall be conspicuously displayed an estimate of the
15 probability of purchasing a winning ticket.

16 (3) To amend, repeal, or supplement any such rules from time to
17 time as it deems necessary or desirable.

18 (4) To advise and make recommendations to the director for the
19 operation and administration of the lottery.

20 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.46.0311 and 1987 c 4 s 26 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

22 The legislature hereby authorizes bona fide charitable or nonprofit
23 organizations to conduct bingo games, raffles, and amusement games,
24 (~~and fund raising events,~~) and to utilize punch boards and pull-tabs
25 and to allow their premises and facilities to be used by only members,
26 their guests, and members of a chapter or unit organized under the same
27 state, regional, or national charter or constitution, to play social
28 card games authorized by the commission, when licensed, conducted or

1 operated pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and rules and
2 regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 9.46.0233 and 1987 c 4 s 24 are each
4 repealed.