

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5907

As of March 7, 1997

Title: An act relating to state lottery accounts.

Brief Description: Shifting the uses of moneys in state lottery accounts.

Sponsors: Senators Swanson, Wojahn, Fraser, Goings, West and Oke.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 3/10/97.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Staff: Maura Sullivan (786-7431)

Background: All lottery ticket sales revenues are deposited into the nonappropriated state lottery account.

In the current 1995-97 biennium, the lottery expects to spend about \$540 million from this account on prizes, retailer commissions, game production expenses and advertising. The lottery will also transfer about \$210 million from the account into the general fund this biennium.

In addition, the lottery transfers funds into the appropriated lottery administrative account (about \$20 million this biennium). The funds are used for all administrative and operating expenses including employees' salaries and benefits, computer system resources, marketing management, sales and customer service.

Summary of Bill: Retailer commissions, game production services and advertising expenses are moved into the appropriated lottery administrative account. In the current biennium, these items total about \$95 million. Prize expenditures continue to come from the nonappropriated state lottery account.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on March 5, 1997.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.