
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6844

State of Washington 61st Legislature 2010 Regular Session

By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Prentice)

READ FIRST TIME 02/24/10.

1 AN ACT Relating to streamlining lottery accounts by transferring
2 local accounts into the treasury custodial accounts, directing
3 transfers of unclaimed prize money, and eliminating obsolete
4 provisions; amending RCW 67.70.044, 67.70.230, 67.70.260, and
5 67.70.190; and creating a new section.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 67.70.044 and 2009 c 576 s 1 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 (1) Pursuant to RCW 67.70.040(1)(a), the commission may enter into
10 the multistate agreement establishing a shared game lottery known as
11 "The Big Game," that was entered into by party state lotteries in
12 August 1996 and subsequently amended and a shared game lottery known as
13 "Powerball."

14 (2) The shared game lottery account is created (~~(as a separate~~
15 ~~account outside)) in the custody of the state ((treasury)) treasurer.
16 All moneys received by the commission or any employee thereof, except
17 for change funds and an amount of petty cash as fixed by the commission
18 within the authority of law must be deposited each day into a
19 depository approved by the state treasurer and transferred to the state~~

1 treasurer to be credited to the shared game lottery account. The
2 account (~~is managed, maintained, and controlled by the commission~~
3 ~~and~~)) consists of all revenues received from the sale of shared game
4 lottery tickets or shares, and all other moneys credited or transferred
5 to it from any other fund or source under law. (~~The account is~~
6 ~~allotted according to chapter 43.88 RCW.~~) Only the commission may
7 authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to
8 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is
9 not required for expenditures.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 67.70.230 and 1985 c 375 s 4 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 (~~There is hereby created and established a separate account, to be~~
13 ~~known as~~) The state lottery account(~~— Such account shall be managed,~~
14 ~~maintained, and controlled by the commission and shall~~) is created in
15 the custody of the state treasurer. All moneys received by the
16 commission or any employee thereof, except for change funds and an
17 amount of petty cash as fixed by the commission within the authority of
18 law must be deposited each day into a depository approved by the state
19 treasurer and transferred to the state treasurer to be credited to the
20 state lottery account. The account consists of all revenues received
21 from the sale of lottery tickets or shares, and all other moneys
22 credited or transferred thereto from any other fund or source pursuant
23 to law. (~~The account shall be a separate account outside the state~~
24 ~~treasury. No appropriation is required to permit expenditures and~~
25 ~~payment of obligations from the account.~~) Only the commission may
26 authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to
27 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is
28 not required for expenditures.

29 **Sec. 3.** RCW 67.70.260 and 2002 c 371 s 919 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 There is hereby created the lottery administrative account in the
32 state treasury. The account (~~shall~~) must be managed, controlled, and
33 maintained by the director. The legislature may appropriate from the
34 account for the payment of costs incurred in the operation and
35 administration of the lottery. (~~During the 2001-2003 fiscal biennium,~~
36 ~~the legislature may transfer from the lottery administrative account to~~

1 ~~the state general fund such amounts as reflect the appropriations~~
2 ~~reductions made by the 2002 supplemental appropriations act for~~
3 ~~administrative efficiencies and savings.))~~

4 **Sec. 4.** RCW 67.70.190 and 2009 c 564 s 949 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Unclaimed prizes (~~shall~~) must be retained in the state lottery
7 account for the person entitled thereto for one hundred eighty days
8 after the drawing in which the prize is won, or after the official end
9 of the game for instant prizes. If no claim is made for the prize
10 within this time, all rights to the prize shall be extinguished, (~~and~~
11 ~~the prize shall be retained in the state lottery fund for further use~~
12 ~~as prizes, except that~~)) one-third of all unclaimed prize money
13 (~~shall~~) must be deposited in the economic development strategic
14 reserve account created in RCW 43.330.250 and the remainder must be
15 deposited into the education legacy trust account created in RCW
16 83.100.230.

17 (~~On July 1, 2009, June 30, 2010, and June 30, 2011, all unclaimed~~
18 ~~prize money retained in the state lottery fund [account] in excess of~~
19 ~~three million dollars, excluding amounts distributed to the economic~~
20 ~~development strategic reserve account, shall be transferred into the~~
21 ~~state general fund.))~~

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** No later than July 1, 2010, the state
23 lottery commission must transfer to the newly created accounts in RCW
24 67.70.044 and 67.70.230 all unobligated balances of the shared game
25 lottery account and the state lottery accounts outside of the state
26 treasury, as of June 30, 2010.

--- END ---