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HOUSE BILL 2411

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1            AN ACT Relating to the state lottery; amending RCW 67.70.240;  
2 adding new sections to chapter 67.70 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**            The legislature finds that:

5            (1) Through the lottery the state is actively involved in promoting  
6 gambling and bears a direct responsibility to identify and address  
7 problems exacerbated by lottery promotions and profits;

8            (2) Compulsive gambling is a serious social problem and there is  
9 evidence that increasing the availability of gambling increases the  
10 risk that more citizens will become addicted to gambling; and

11            (3) A greater understanding of the extent and nature of problem and  
12 compulsive gambling will better enable the state lottery commission to  
13 carry out various legislative mandates consistent with the public  
14 interest, allowing public welfare to be served.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 67.70 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        A nonprofit state-based organization, selected by the office of  
4 financial management, with expertise in public education, research,  
5 training, treatment, and prevention of problem and compulsive gambling,  
6 shall:

7        (1) Maintain a toll-free "800" telephone number providing crisis  
8 counseling and referral services to individuals and families  
9 experiencing difficulty as a result of problem or compulsive gambling;

10        (2) Promote public awareness about recognition and prevention of  
11 problem and compulsive gambling;

12        (3) Facilitate, through in-service training and other means, the  
13 availability of effective assistance programs for problem or compulsive  
14 gamblers; and

15        (4) Conduct studies that identify populations of adults and  
16 juveniles who are, or who are at risk of becoming, problem or  
17 compulsive gamblers.

18        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 67.70 RCW  
19 to read as follows:

20        There is established under the custody of the state treasurer a  
21 special fund to be known as the compulsive gambling fund, which shall  
22 be used in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of this act.  
23 The state treasurer is authorized to receive gifts, grants, donations,  
24 devises, and bequests of moneys for this fund from a governmental  
25 agency, public or private entity, or individual who may be interested  
26 in making a contribution or contributions for this purpose.

27        **Sec. 4.**    RCW 67.70.240 and 1987 c 513 s 7 are each amended to read  
28 as follows:

1       The moneys in the state lottery account shall be used only: (1)  
2 For the payment of prizes to the holders of winning lottery tickets or  
3 shares; (2) for purposes of making deposits into the reserve account  
4 created by RCW 67.70.250 and into the lottery administrative account  
5 created by RCW 67.70.260; (3) for purposes of making deposits into the  
6 state's general fund; (4) ~~((for purposes of making deposits into the  
7 housing trust fund under the provisions of section 7 of this 1987 act;  
8 (5)))~~ for the purchase and promotion of lottery games and game-related  
9 services; ~~((and (6)))~~ (5) for the payment of agent compensation; and  
10 (6) for the purposes of section 2 of this act.

11       The office of financial management shall require the allotment of  
12 all expenses paid from the account and shall report to the ways and  
13 means committees of the senate and house of representatives any changes  
14 in the allotments.