
SENATE BILL 5547

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By Senators Talmadge and Oke

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1 AN ACT Relating to compulsive gambling; amending RCW 67.70.240 and
2 67.16.105; adding new sections to chapter 9.46 RCW; adding a new
3 section to chapter 67.70 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

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

6 (1) The state, through the activities of the state lottery
7 commission, Washington state gambling commission, and Washington horse
8 racing commission, is actively involved in promoting and regulating
9 gambling and bears a direct responsibility to identify and address
10 problems created or exacerbated by the presence of legalized gambling
11 in Washington state;

12 (2) Compulsive gambling is a serious personal and social problem,
13 and there is evidence that a significant percentage of the population
14 is currently affected and that increasing the availability of gambling
15 increases the risk that more citizens will become dependent upon
16 gambling; and

17 (3) The state recognizes the responsibility to address the issue of
18 problem gambling by establishing appropriate programs and providing

1 funding to further the understanding, assessment, and treatment of
2 problem gambling.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 The commission, state lottery commission, and Washington horse
6 racing commission, shall provide the following services:

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

11 (2) Establish and expand public awareness programs that include,
12 but are not limited to, brochures and other printed materials and
13 public service announcements;

14 (3) Facilitate the availability of effective assistance programs
15 for problem or compulsive gamblers;

16 (4) Conduct ongoing studies to identify populations of adults and
17 adolescents who are, or who are at risk of becoming, problem or
18 compulsive gamblers; and

19 (5) Create an adolescent prevention program on pathological
20 gambling.

21 The commission may contract with a nonprofit, state-based
22 organization to carry out the services provided under this section.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW
24 to read as follows:

25 The compulsive gambling account is created in the custody of the
26 state treasurer. All receipts from the commission, state lottery
27 commission, and Washington horse racing commission under sections 4 and
28 6 of this act and RCW 67.16.105 shall be deposited into the account.
29 Expenditures from the account may be used only for the purposes of
30 section 2 of this act. Only the chairman of the commission may
31 authorize expenditures from the compulsive gambling account. The
32 account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but
33 no appropriation is required for expenditures. The state treasurer may
34 receive gifts, grants, donations, devises, and bequests of moneys for
35 this account from governmental agencies, public or private entities, or
36 individuals who may be interested in making contributions for the
37 purpose of this section.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 67.70 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The commission shall deposit an amount equal to one-twentieth of
4 one percent of the annual gross lottery revenues per year into the
5 compulsive gambling account established under section 3 of this act.

6 **Sec. 5.** RCW 67.70.240 and 1987 c 513 s 7 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

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

18 The office of financial management shall require the allotment of
19 all expenses paid from the account and shall report to the ways and
20 means committees of the senate and house of representatives any changes
21 in the allotments.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW
23 to read as follows:

24 The commission shall deposit an amount equal to two and one-half
25 percent of the annual license fees per year collected by the commission
26 into the compulsive gambling account established under section 3 of
27 this act.

28 **Sec. 7.** RCW 67.16.105 and 1991 c 270 s 6 are each amended to read
29 as follows:

30 (1) Licensees of race meets that are nonprofit in nature, are of
31 ten days or less, and have an average daily handle of one hundred
32 twenty thousand dollars or less shall withhold and pay to the
33 commission daily for each authorized day of racing one-half percent of
34 the daily gross receipts from all parimutuel machines at each race
35 meet.

1 (2) Licensees of race meets that do not fall under subsection (1)
2 of this section shall withhold and pay to the commission daily for each
3 authorized day of racing the following applicable percentage of all
4 daily gross receipts from all parimutuel machines at each race meet:

5 (a) If the daily gross receipts of all parimutuel machines are more
6 than two hundred fifty thousand dollars, the licensee shall withhold
7 and pay to the commission daily two and one-half percent of the daily
8 gross receipts; and

9 (b) If the daily gross receipts of all parimutuel machines are two
10 hundred fifty thousand dollars or less, the licensee shall withhold and
11 pay to the commission daily one percent of the daily gross receipts.

12 (3) In addition to those amounts in subsections (1) and (2) of this
13 section, all licensees shall forward one-tenth of one percent of the
14 daily gross receipts of all parimutuel machines to the commission daily
15 for payment to those nonprofit race meets as set forth in RCW 67.16.130
16 and subsection (1) of this section(~~(, but said percentage shall not be~~
17 ~~charged against the licensees)~~). The total of such payments shall not
18 exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars in any one year (~~(and any~~
19 ~~amount in excess of one hundred fifty thousand dollars shall be~~
20 ~~remitted to the general fund)~~). The commission shall, after the
21 payment under RCW 67.16.130, forward the one-tenth of one percent of
22 the daily gross receipts to the compulsive gambling account as
23 established in section 3 of this act; the payment may not exceed
24 seventy-five thousand dollars in any one year and an amount in excess
25 of two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars must be remitted to the
26 general fund, but the percentage may not be charged against the
27 licensees. Payments to nonprofit race meets under this subsection
28 shall be distributed on a pro rata per-race-day basis and used only for
29 purses at race tracks that have been operating under RCW 67.16.130 and
30 subsection (1) of this section for the five consecutive years
31 immediately preceding the year of payment.

32 (4) In addition to those sums paid to the commission in subsection
33 (2) of this section, licensees who are nonprofit corporations and have
34 race meets of thirty days or more shall withhold and pay to the
35 commission daily for each authorized day of racing an amount equal to
36 two and one-half percent of the daily gross receipts of all parimutuel
37 machines at each race meet. Said percentage shall come from that
38 amount the licensee is authorized to retain under RCW 67.16.170(2).

1 The commission shall deposit these moneys in the Washington
2 thoroughbred racing fund created in RCW 67.16.250.

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