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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 The account (~~((is managed, maintained, and controlled by the commission~~
17 ~~and))~~ consists of all revenues received from the sale of shared game
18 lottery tickets or shares, and all other moneys credited or transferred
19 to it from any other fund or source under law. (~~((The account is~~

1 ~~allotted according to chapter 43.88 RCW.))~~ Only the commission may
2 authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to
3 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is
4 not required for expenditures.

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

7 ~~((There is hereby created and established a separate account, to be~~
8 ~~known as))~~ The state lottery account~~((~~Such account shall be managed,~~~~
9 ~~maintained, and controlled by the commission and shall))~~ is created in
10 the custody of the state treasurer. The account consists of all
11 revenues received from the sale of lottery tickets or shares, and all
12 other moneys credited or transferred thereto from any other fund or
13 source pursuant to law. ((The account shall be a separate account
14 ~~outside the state treasury. No appropriation is required to permit~~
15 ~~expenditures and payment of obligations from the account.))~~ Only the
16 commission may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is
17 subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an
18 appropriation is not required for expenditures.

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

21 There is hereby created the lottery administrative account in the
22 state treasury. The account ~~((shall))~~ must be managed, controlled, and
23 maintained by the director. The legislature may appropriate from the
24 account for the payment of costs incurred in the operation and
25 administration of the lottery. ~~((During the 2001-2003 fiscal biennium,~~
26 ~~the legislature may transfer from the lottery administrative account to~~
27 ~~the state general fund such amounts as reflect the appropriations~~
28 ~~reductions made by the 2002 supplemental appropriations act for~~
29 ~~administrative efficiencies and savings.))~~

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

32 Unclaimed prizes ~~((shall))~~ must be retained in the state lottery
33 account for the person entitled thereto for one hundred eighty days
34 after the drawing in which the prize is won, or after the official end
35 of the game for instant prizes. If no claim is made for the prize

1 within this time, all rights to the prize shall be extinguished, (~~and~~
2 ~~the prize shall be retained in the state lottery fund for further use~~
3 ~~as prizes, except that~~) one-third of all unclaimed prize money
4 (~~shall~~) must be deposited in the economic development strategic
5 reserve account created in RCW 43.330.250 and the remainder must be
6 deposited into the education legacy trust account created in RCW
7 83.100.230.

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

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** No later than July 1, 2010, the state
14 lottery commission must transfer to the newly created accounts in RCW
15 67.70.044 and 67.70.230 all unobligated balances of the shared game
16 lottery account and the state lottery accounts outside of the state
17 treasury, as of June 30, 2010.

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