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## HOUSE BILL 2228

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to clarifying the state's public policy on gambling 2 by restricting the frequency of lottery games, addressing problem and 3 compulsive gambling, and enhancing the enforcement of the state's 4 gambling laws; amending RCW 9.46.010, 67.70.010, 67.70.040, 9.46.0241, 9.46.221, 9.46.222, 9.46.080, 5 9.46.235, 9.46.260, 10.105.900; reenacting and amending RCW 9A.82.010; adding new sections 6 7 to chapter 9.46 RCW; creating a new section; repealing RCW 9.46.230; prescribing penalties; and declaring an emergency. 8
- 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 10 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.010 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 259 s 1 are each amended 11 to read as follows:
- 12 The public policy of the state of Washington on gambling is to keep
- 13 the criminal element out of gambling and to promote the social welfare
- 14 of the people by limiting the nature and scope of gambling activities
- 15 and by strict regulation and control.
- 16 It is hereby declared to be the policy of the legislature,
- 17 recognizing the close relationship between professional gambling and
- 18 organized crime, to restrain all persons from seeking profit from
- 19 professional gambling activities in this state; to restrain all persons

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- 1 from patronizing such professional gambling activities; to safeguard
- 2 the public against the evils induced by common gamblers and common
- 3 gambling houses engaged in professional gambling; and at the same time,
- 4 both to preserve the freedom of the press and to avoid restricting
- 5 participation by individuals in activities and social pastimes, which
- 6 activities and social pastimes are more for amusement rather than for
- 7 profit, do not maliciously affect the public, and do not breach the
- 8 peace.
- 9 The legislature further declares that the raising of funds for the
- 10 promotion of bona fide charitable or nonprofit organizations is in the
- 11 public interest as is participation in such activities and social
- 12 pastimes as are hereinafter in this chapter authorized.
- 13 The legislature further declares that the conducting of bingo,
- 14 raffles, and amusement games and the operation of punch boards, pull-
- 15 tabs, card games and other social pastimes, when conducted pursuant to
- 16 the provisions of this chapter and any rules and regulations adopted
- 17 pursuant thereto, are hereby authorized, as are only such lotteries for
- 18 which no valuable consideration has been paid or agreed to be paid as
- 19 hereinafter in this chapter provided.
- 20 The legislature further declares that fishing derbies shall not
- 21 constitute any form of gambling and shall not be considered as a
- 22 lottery, a raffle, or an amusement game and shall not be subject to the
- 23 provisions of this chapter or any rules and regulations adopted
- 24 hereunder.
- 25 All factors incident to the activities authorized in this chapter
- 26 shall be closely controlled, and the provisions of this chapter shall
- 27 be liberally construed to achieve such end.
- 28 **Sec. 2.** RCW 67.70.010 and 1987 c 511 s 1 are each amended to read
- 29 as follows:
- For the purposes of this chapter:
- 31 (1) "Commission" means the state lottery commission established by
- 32 this chapter;
- 33 (2) (("Lottery" or "state lottery" means the lottery established
- 34 and operated pursuant to this chapter;
- 35 (3)) "Director" means the director of the state lottery
- 36 established by this chapter:
- 37 (3) "Lottery" or "state lottery" means the lottery established and
- 38 operated pursuant to this chapter;

- 1 <u>(4) "On-line game" means a lottery game in which a player pays a</u> 2 <u>fee to a lottery retailer and selects a combination of digits, numbers,</u>
- 3 or symbols, type and amount of play, and receives a computer-generated
- 4 <u>ticket with those selections</u>, and the lottery holds a drawing to
- 5 determine the winning combination or combinations of selections.
- 6 **Sec. 3.** RCW 67.70.040 and 1991 c 359 s 1 are each amended to read 7 as follows:
- 8 The commission shall have the power, and it shall be its duty:
- 9 (1) To promulgate such rules governing the establishment and operation of a state lottery as it deems necessary and desirable in order that such a lottery be initiated at the earliest feasible and practicable time, and in order that such lottery produce the maximum amount of net revenues for the state consonant with the dignity of the state and the general welfare of the people. Such rules shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:
- 16 (a) The type of lottery to be conducted which may include the 17 selling of tickets or shares. The use of electronic or mechanical 18 devices or video terminals which allow for individual play against such 19 devices or terminals shall be prohibited. Approval of the legislature 20 shall be required before entering any agreement with other state 21 lotteries to conduct shared games;
  - (b) The price, or prices, of tickets or shares in the lottery;
- 23 (c) The numbers and sizes of the prizes on the winning tickets or 24 shares;

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- (d) The manner of selecting the winning tickets or shares;
- (e) The manner and time of payment of prizes to the holder of winning tickets or shares which, at the director's option, may be paid in lump sum amounts or installments over a period of years;
- (f) The frequency of the drawings or selections of winning tickets or shares((, without limitation)). Approval of the legislature is required before conducting any on-line game in which the drawing or selection of winning tickets occurs more frequently than once every twenty-four hours;
- (g) Without limit as to number, the type or types of locations at which tickets or shares may be sold;
  - (h) The method to be used in selling tickets or shares;

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- 1 (i) The licensing of agents to sell or distribute tickets or 2 shares, except that a person under the age of eighteen shall not be 3 licensed as an agent;
- 4 (j) The manner and amount of compensation, if any, to be paid 5 licensed sales agents necessary to provide for the adequate 6 availability of tickets or shares to prospective buyers and for the 7 convenience of the public;
- 8 (k) The apportionment of the total revenues accruing from the sale 9 of lottery tickets or shares and from all other sources among: (i) The 10 payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets or shares, which shall not be less than forty-five percent of the gross annual revenue 11 from such lottery, less amounts of unclaimed prizes deposited in the 12 general fund under RCW 67.70.190 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 13 1989, (ii) transfers to the lottery administrative account created by 14 15 RCW 67.70.260, and (iii) transfer to the state's general fund. 16 Transfers to the state general fund shall be made in compliance with 17 RCW 43.01.050;
- (1) Such other matters necessary or desirable for the efficient and economical operation and administration of the lottery and for the convenience of the purchasers of tickets or shares and the holders of winning tickets or shares.
- (2) To ensure that in each place authorized to sell lottery tickets or shares, on the back of the ticket or share, and in any advertising or promotion there shall be conspicuously displayed an estimate of the probability of purchasing a winning ticket.
- 26 (3) To amend, repeal, or supplement any such rules from time to 27 time as it deems necessary or desirable.
- 28 (4) To advise and make recommendations to the director for the 29 operation and administration of the lottery.
- 30 Sec. 4. The legislature recognizes that some NEW SECTION. individuals in this state are problem or compulsive gamblers. Because 31 32 the state promotes and regulates gambling through the activities of the 33 state lottery commission, the Washington horse racing commission, and 34 the Washington state gambling commission, the state has the responsibility to continue to provide resources for the support of 35 36 services for problem and compulsive gamblers. Therefore, the 37 Washington state gambling commission, the Washington horse racing commission, and the state lottery commission shall jointly develop 38

- 1 informational signs concerning problem and compulsive gambling which
- 2 include the toll-free hot line number for problem and compulsive
- 3 gamblers. The signs shall be placed in the establishments of gambling
- 4 licensees, horse racing licensees, and lottery retailers.
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW 6 to read as follows:
- 7 (1) The following are subject to seizure and forfeiture and no 8 property right exists in them:
  - (a) All gambling devices as defined in this chapter;

- (b) All furnishings, fixtures, equipment, and stock, including without limitation furnishings and fixtures adaptable to nongambling uses and equipment and stock for printing, recording, computing, transporting, or safekeeping, used in connection with professional gambling or maintaining a gambling premises;
- (c) All conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles, or vessels, that are used, or intended for use, in any manner to facilitate the sale, delivery, receipt, or operation of any gambling device, or the promotion or operation of a professional gambling activity, except that:
- (i) A conveyance used by any person as a common carrier in the transaction of business as a common carrier is not subject to forfeiture under this section unless it appears that the owner or other person in charge of the conveyance is a consenting party or privy to a violation of this chapter;
- (ii) A conveyance is not subject to forfeiture under this section by reason of any act or omission established by the owner thereof to have been committed or omitted without the owner's knowledge or consent;
- (iii) A forfeiture of a conveyance encumbered by a bona fide security interest is subject to the interest of the secured party if the secured party neither had knowledge of nor consented to the act or omission; and
- (iv) If the owner of a conveyance has been arrested under this chapter the conveyance in which the person is arrested may not be subject to forfeiture unless it is seized or process is issued for its seizure within ten days of the owner's arrest;

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- 1 (d) All books, records, and research products and materials, 2 including formulas, microfilm, tapes, and electronic data that are 3 used, or intended for use, in violation of this chapter;
- 4 (e) All moneys, negotiable instruments, securities, or other 5 tangible or intangible property of value at stake or displayed in or in 6 connection with professional gambling activity or furnished or intended 7 to be furnished by any person to facilitate the promotion or operation 8 of a professional gambling activity;
- 9 (f) All tangible or intangible personal property, proceeds, or 10 assets acquired in whole or in part with proceeds traceable to professional gambling activity and all moneys, negotiable instruments, 11 and securities used or intended to be used to facilitate any violation 12 13 of this chapter. A forfeiture of money, negotiable instruments, securities, or other tangible or intangible property encumbered by a 14 15 bona fide security interest is subject to the interest of the secured 16 party if, at the time the security interest was created, the secured 17 party neither had knowledge of nor consented to the act or omission. Personal property may not be forfeited under this subsection (1)(f), to 18 19 the extent of the interest of an owner, by reason of any act or 20 omission that that owner establishes was committed or omitted without the owner's knowledge or consent; and 21
- (g) All real property, including any right, title, and interest in the whole of any lot or tract of land, and any appurtenances or improvements that:
  - (i) Have been used with the knowledge of the owner for the manufacturing, processing, delivery, importing, or exporting of any illegal gambling equipment, or operation of a professional gambling activity that would constitute a felony violation of this chapter; or
- (ii) Have been acquired in whole or in part with proceeds traceable to a professional gambling activity, if the activity is not less than a class C felony.

Real property forfeited under this chapter that is encumbered by a bona fide security interest remains subject to the interest of the secured party if the secured party, at the time the security interest was created, neither had knowledge of nor consented to the act or omission. Property may not be forfeited under this subsection, to the extent of the interest of an owner, by reason of any act or omission committed or omitted without the owner's knowledge or consent.

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- (2)(a) A law enforcement officer of this state may seize real or 1 2 personal property subject to forfeiture under this chapter upon process issued by any superior court having jurisdiction over the property. 3 4 Seizure of real property includes the filing of a lis pendens by the 5 seizing agency. Real property seized under this section may not be transferred or otherwise conveyed until ninety days after seizure or 6 7 until a judgment of forfeiture is entered, whichever is later, but real 8 property seized under this section may be transferred or conveyed to 9 any person or entity who acquires title by foreclosure or deed in lieu 10 of foreclosure of a bona fide security interest.
  - (b) Seizure of personal property without process may be made if:
- 12 (i) The seizure is incident to an arrest or a search under a search 13 warrant or an inspection under an administrative inspection warrant;

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- (ii) The property subject to seizure has been the subject of a prior judgment in favor of the state in a criminal injunction or forfeiture proceeding based upon this chapter;
- (iii) A law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that the property is directly or indirectly dangerous to health or safety; or
- (iv) The law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that the property was used or is intended to be used in violation of this chapter.
  - (3) In the event of seizure under subsection (2) of this section, proceedings for forfeiture are deemed commenced by the seizure. law enforcement agency under whose authority the seizure was made shall cause notice to be served within fifteen days following the seizure on the owner of the property seized and the person in charge thereof and any person having any known right or interest therein, including any community property interest, of the seizure and intended forfeiture of the seized property. Service of notice of seizure of real property must be made according to the rules of civil procedure. However, the state may not obtain a default judgment with respect to real property against a party who is served by substituted service absent an affidavit stating that a good faith effort has been made to ascertain if the defaulted party is incarcerated within the state, and that there is no present basis to believe that the party is incarcerated within the state. Notice of seizure in the case of property subject to a security interest that has been perfected by filing a financing statement in accordance with chapter 62A.9 RCW, or a certificate of

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- title, must be made by service upon the secured party or the secured party's assignee at the address shown on the financing statement or the certificate of title. The notice of seizure in other cases may be served by any method authorized by law or court rule including but not limited to service by certified mail with return receipt requested. Service by mail is deemed complete upon mailing within the fifteen-day period following the seizure.
  - (4) If no person notifies the seizing law enforcement agency in writing of the person's claim of ownership or right to possession of items specified in subsection (1) (c), (e), (f), or (g) of this section within forty-five days of the seizure in the case of personal property and ninety days in the case of real property, the item seized is deemed forfeited. The community property interest in real property of a person whose spouse committed a violation giving rise to seizure of the real property may not be forfeited if the person did not participate in the violation.
  - (5) If any person notifies the seizing law enforcement agency in writing of the person's claim of ownership or right to possession of items specified in subsection (1) (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), or (g) of this section within forty-five days of the seizure in the case of personal property and ninety days in the case of real property, the person or persons must be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard as to the claim or right. The hearing must be before the chief law enforcement officer of the seizing agency or the chief law enforcement officer's designee, except if the seizing agency is a state agency as defined in RCW 34.12.020(4), the hearing must be before the chief law enforcement officer of the seizing agency or an administrative law judge appointed under chapter 34.12 RCW, except that any person asserting a claim or right may remove the matter to a court of competent jurisdiction. Removal of any matter involving personal property may only be accomplished according to the rules of civil procedure. The person seeking removal of the matter must serve process against the state, county, political subdivision, or municipality that operates the seizing agency, and any other party of interest, in accordance with RCW 4.28.080 or 4.92.020, within forty-five days after the person seeking removal has notified the seizing law enforcement agency of the person's claim of ownership or right to possession. court to which the matter is to be removed must be the district court aggregate value of personal property is within if

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jurisdictional limit set forth in RCW 3.66.020. A hearing before the 1 2 seizing agency and any appeal therefrom must be under Title 34 RCW. a court hearing between two or more claimants to the article or 3 4 articles involved, the prevailing party is entitled to a judgment for costs and reasonable attorneys' fees. In cases involving personal 5 property, the burden of producing evidence is upon the person claiming 6 7 to be the lawful owner or the person claiming to have the lawful right to possession of the property. In cases involving real property, the 8 9 burden of producing evidence is upon the law enforcement agency. 10 burden of proof that the seized real property is subject to forfeiture 11 is upon the law enforcement agency. The seizing law enforcement agency 12 shall promptly return the article or articles to the claimant upon a 13 final determination by the administrative law judge or court that the claimant is the present lawful owner or is lawfully entitled to 14 15 possession thereof of items specified in subsection (1) (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), or (g) of this section. 16

- 17 (6) If property is forfeited under this chapter the seizing law 18 enforcement agency may:
- 19 (a) Retain it for official use or upon application by any law 20 enforcement agency of this state release the property to the agency for 21 training or use in enforcing this chapter;
- (b) Sell that which is not required to be destroyed by law and which is not harmful to the public; or
- (c) Destroy any articles that may not be lawfully possessed within the state of Washington, or that have a fair market value of less than one hundred dollars.
- (7)(a) If property is forfeited, the seizing agency shall keep a 27 record indicating the identity of the prior owner, if known, a 28 description of the property, the disposition of the property, the value 29 30 of the property at the time of seizure, and the amount of proceeds realized from disposition of the property. The net proceeds of 31 forfeited property is the value of the forfeitable interest in the 32 property after deducting the cost of satisfying any bona fide security 33 interest to which the property is subject at the time of seizure, and 34 35 in the case of sold property, after deducting the cost of sale, including reasonable fees or commissions paid to independent selling 36 37 agents.
- 38 (b) Each seizing agency shall retain records of forfeited property 39 for at least seven years.

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- 1 (c) Each seizing agency shall file a report including a copy of the 2 records of forfeited property with the state treasurer the calendar 3 quarter after the end of the fiscal year.
- 4 (d) The annual report need not include a record of forfeited 5 property that is still being held for use as evidence during the 6 investigation or prosecution of a case or during the appeal from a 7 conviction.
- 8 (8) The seizing law enforcement agency shall retain forfeited 9 property and net proceeds exclusively for the expansion and improvement 10 of gambling-related law enforcement activity. Money retained under 11 this section may not be used to supplant preexisting funding sources.
- (9) Gambling devices that are possessed, transferred, sold, or offered for sale in violation of this chapter are contraband and must be seized and summarily forfeited to the state. Gambling equipment that is seized or comes into the possession of a law enforcement agency, the owners of which are unknown, are contraband and must be summarily forfeited to the state.
- (10) Upon the entry of an order of forfeiture of real property, the court shall forward a copy of the order to the assessor of the county in which the property is located. The superior court shall enter orders for the forfeiture of real property, subject to court rules. The seizing agency shall file such an order in the county auditor's records in the county in which the real property is located.
- (11)(a) A landlord may assert a claim against proceeds from the sale of assets seized and forfeited under subsection (6)(b) of this section, only if:
- (i) A law enforcement officer, while acting in his or her official capacity, directly caused damage to the complaining landlord's property while executing a search of a tenant's residence; and
- (ii) The landlord has applied any funds remaining in the tenant's deposit, to which the landlord has a right under chapter 59.18 RCW, to cover the damage directly caused by a law enforcement officer before asserting a claim under this section.
- (A) Only if the funds applied under (a)(ii) of this subsection are insufficient to satisfy the damage directly caused by a law enforcement officer, may the landlord seek compensation for the damage by filing a claim against the governmental entity under whose authority the law enforcement agency operates within thirty days after the search; and

- (B) Only if the governmental entity denies or fails to respond to 1 2 the landlord's claim within sixty days of the date of filing, may the 3 landlord collect damages under this subsection by filing within thirty 4 days of denial or the expiration of the sixty-day period, whichever 5 occurs first, a claim with the seizing law enforcement agency. seizing law enforcement agency shall notify the landlord of the status 6 of the claim by the end of the thirty-day period. This section does 7 8 not require the claim to be paid by the end of the sixty-day or thirty-9 day period.
- 10 (b) For any claim filed under (a)(ii) of this subsection, the law 11 enforcement agency shall pay the claim unless the agency provides 12 substantial proof that the landlord either:
- (i) Knew or consented to actions of the tenant in violation of this that chapter; or
- (ii) Failed to respond to a notification of the illegal activity, provided by a law enforcement agency within seven days of receipt of notification of the illegal activity.
- 18 (12) The landlord's claim for damages under subsection (11) of this 19 section may not include a claim for loss of business and is limited to:
  - (a) Damage to tangible property and clean-up costs;

- (b) The lesser of the cost of repair or fair market value of the damage directly caused by a law enforcement officer;
- (c) The proceeds from the sale of the specific tenant's property seized and forfeited under subsection (6)(b) of this section; and
- (d) The proceeds available after the seizing law enforcement agency satisfies any bona fide security interest in the tenant's property and costs related to sale of the tenant's property as provided by subsection (7)(a) of this section.
- (13) Subsections (11) and (12) of this section do not limit any other rights a landlord may have against a tenant to collect for damages. However, if a law enforcement agency satisfies a landlord's claim under subsection (11) of this section, the rights the landlord has against the tenant for damages directly caused by a law enforcement officer under the terms of the landlord and tenant's contract are subrogated to the law enforcement agency.
- 36 **Sec. 6.** RCW 9.46.0241 and 1987 c 4 s 11 are each amended to read 37 as follows:

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"Gambling device," as used in this chapter, means: (1) Any device 1 2 or mechanism the operation of which a right to money, credits, deposits 3 or other things of value may be created, in return for a consideration, 4 as the result of the operation of an element of chance, including, but not limited to slot machines, video pull-tabs, and electronic games of 5 chance; (2) any device or mechanism which, when operated for a 6 7 consideration, does not return the same value or thing of value for the 8 same consideration upon each operation thereof; (3) any device, 9 mechanism, furniture, fixture, construction or installation designed 10 primarily for use in connection with professional gambling; and (4) any subassembly or essential part designed or intended for use in 11 connection with any such device, mechanism, furniture, fixture, 12 13 construction or installation. In the application of this definition, a pinball machine or similar mechanical amusement device which confers 14 15 only an immediate and unrecorded right of replay on players thereof, 16 which does not contain any mechanism which varies the chance of winning 17 free games or the number of free games which may be won or a mechanism or a chute for dispensing coins or a facsimile thereof, and which 18 19 prohibits multiple winnings depending upon the number of coins inserted 20 and requires the playing of five balls individually upon the insertion of a nickel or dime, as the case may be, to complete any one operation 21 thereof, shall not be deemed a gambling device: PROVIDED, That owning, 22 possessing, buying, selling, renting, leasing, financing, holding a 23 24 security interest in, storing, repairing and transporting such pinball 25 machines or similar mechanical amusement devices shall not be deemed 26 engaging in professional gambling for the purposes of this chapter and 27 shall not be a violation of this chapter: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any fee for the purchase or rental of any such pinball machines or similar 28 29 amusement devices shall have no relation to the use to which such 30 machines are put but be based only upon the market value of any such machine, regardless of the location of or type of premises where used, 31 and any fee for the storing, repairing and transporting thereof shall 32 33 have no relation to the use to which such machines are put, but be 34 commensurate with the cost of labor and other expenses incurred in any 35 such storing, repairing and transporting.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW to read as follows:

1 Whoever knowingly owns, manufactures, possesses, buys, 2 rents, leases, finances, holds a security interest in, stores, repairs, 3 or transports any gambling device or offers or solicits any interest 4 therein, whether through an agent or employee or otherwise, is guilty of a felony and shall be fined not more than one hundred thousand 5 dollars or imprisoned not more than five years or both. However, this 6 7 section does not apply to persons licensed by the commission, or who 8 are otherwise authorized by this chapter, or by commission rule, to 9 conduct gambling activities without a license, respecting devices that 10 are to be used, or are being used, solely in that activity for which the license was issued, or for which the person has been otherwise 11 authorized if: 12

13 (1) The person is acting in conformance with this chapter and the 14 rules adopted under this chapter; and

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- (2) The devices are a type and kind traditionally and usually employed in connection with the particular activity. This section also does not apply to any act or acts by the persons in furtherance of the activity for which the license was issued, or for which the person is authorized, when the activity is conducted in compliance with this chapter and in accordance with the rules adopted under this chapter. In the enforcement of this section direct possession of any such a gambling device is presumed to be knowing possession thereof.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW to read as follows:

25 Whoever knowingly prints, makes, possesses, stores, or transports any gambling record, or buys, sells, offers, or solicits any interest 26 27 therein, whether through an agent or employee or otherwise, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. However, this section does not apply to 28 29 records relating to and kept for activities authorized by this chapter 30 when the records are of the type and kind traditionally and usually employed in connection with the particular activity. This section also 31 does not apply to any act or acts in furtherance of the activities when 32 33 conducted in compliance with this chapter and in accordance with the 34 rules adopted under this chapter. In the enforcement of this section direct possession of any such a gambling record is presumed to be 35 36 knowing possession thereof.

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- 1 **Sec. 9.** RCW 9.46.220 and 1991 c 261 s 10 are each amended to read 2 as follows:
- 3 (1) A person is guilty of professional gambling in the first degree 4 if he or she engages in, or knowingly causes, aids, abets, or conspires 5 with another to engage in professional gambling as defined in this 6 chapter, and:
- 7 (a) While engaging in professional gambling acts in concert with or 8 conspires with five or more people;
- 9 (b) Accepts wagers exceeding five thousand dollars during any 10 ((calendar month)) thirty-day period on future contingent events; or
- (c) Operates, manages, or profits from the operation of a premises or location where persons are charged a fee to participate in card games, lotteries, or other gambling activities that are not authorized by this chapter or licensed by the commission.
- 15 (2) However, this section shall not apply to those activities 16 enumerated in RCW 9.46.0305 through 9.46.0361 or to any act or acts in 17 furtherance of such activities when conducted in compliance with the 18 provisions of this chapter and in accordance with the rules adopted 19 pursuant to this chapter.
- 20 (3) Professional gambling in the first degree is a class B felony 21 subject to the penalty set forth in RCW 9A.20.021.
- 22 **Sec. 10.** RCW 9.46.221 and 1991 c 261 s 11 are each amended to read 23 as follows:
- (1) A person is guilty of professional gambling in the second degree if he or she engages in or knowingly causes, aids, abets, or conspires with another to engage in professional gambling as defined in this chapter, and:
- 28 (a) While engaging in professional gambling acts in concert with or 29 conspires with less than five people;
- 30 (b) Accepts wagers exceeding two thousand dollars during any 31 ((calendar month)) thirty-day period on future contingent events;
- 32 (c) Maintains a "gambling premises" as defined in this chapter; or
- 33 (d) Maintains gambling records as defined in RCW ((9.46.020)) 34 9.46.0253.
- 35 (2) However, this section shall not apply to those activities 36 enumerated in RCW 9.46.0305 through 9.46.0361 or to any act or acts in 37 furtherance of such activities when conducted in compliance with the

- $1\,$  provisions of this chapter and in accordance with the rules adopted
- 2 pursuant to this chapter.
- 3 (3) Professional gambling in the second degree is a class C felony
- 4 subject to the penalty set forth in RCW 9A.20.021.
- 5 **Sec. 11.** RCW 9.46.222 and 1991 c 261 s 12 are each amended to read 6 as follows:
- 7 (1) A person is guilty of professional gambling in the third degree
- 8 if he or she engages in, or knowingly causes, aids, abets, or conspires
- 9 with another to engage in professional gambling as defined in this
- 10 chapter( $(\div)$ ), and:
- 11 (a) His or her conduct does not constitute first or second degree
- 12 professional gambling;
- 13 (b) <u>He or she operates any of the unlicensed gambling activities</u>
- 14 authorized by this chapter in a manner other than as prescribed by this
- 15 chapter; or
- 16 (c) <u>He or she is directly employed in but not managing or directing</u>
- 17 any gambling operation.
- 18 (2) This section shall not apply to those activities enumerated in
- 19 RCW 9.46.0305 through 9.46.0361 or to any acts in furtherance of such
- 20 activities when conducted in compliance with the provisions of this
- 21 chapter and the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.
- 22 (3) Professional gambling in the third degree is a gross
- 23 misdemeanor subject to the penalty established in RCW 9A.20.021.
- 24 Sec. 12. RCW 9.46.080 and 1981 c 139 s 6 are each amended to read
- 25 as follows:
- The commission shall employ a full time director, who shall be the
- 27 administrator for the commission in carrying out its powers and duties
- 28 and who shall issue rules and regulations adopted by the commission
- 29 governing the activities authorized hereunder and shall supervise
- 30 commission employees in carrying out the purposes and provisions of
- 31 this chapter. In addition, the director shall employ a deputy
- 32 director, ((two)) assistant directors, together with such investigators
- 33 and enforcement officers and such staff as the commission determines is
- 34 necessary to carry out the purposes and provisions of this chapter.
- 35 The director, the deputy director, ((both)) the assistant directors,
- 36 and personnel occupying positions requiring the performing of
- 37 undercover investigative work shall be exempt from the provisions of

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chapter 41.06 RCW, as now law or hereafter amended. Neither the 1

2 director nor any commission employee working therefor shall be an

officer or manager of any bona fide charitable or bona fide nonprofit

organization, or of any organization which conducts gambling activity

in this state. 5

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The director, subject to the approval of the commission, is 6 7 authorized to enter into agreements on behalf of the commission for 8 mutual assistance and services, based upon actual costs, with any state 9 or federal agency or with any city, town, or county, and such state or local agency is authorized to enter into such an agreement with the If a needed service is not available from another agency 11 12 of state government within a reasonable time, the director may obtain 13 that service from private industry.

- 14 Sec. 13. RCW 9.46.235 and 1987 c 191 s 1 are each amended to read 15 as follows:
- 16 (1) For purposes of a prosecution under ((RCW 9.46.230(4))) section 7 of this act or a seizure, confiscation, or destruction order under 17 18 ((RCW 9.46.230(1))) section 5 of this act, it shall be a defense that the gambling device involved is an antique slot machine and that the 19 antique slot machine was not operated for gambling purposes while in 20 the owner's or defendant's possession. Operation of an antique slot 21 22 machine shall be only by free play or with coins provided at no cost by 23 the owner. No slot machine, having been seized under this chapter, may 24 be altered, destroyed, or disposed of without affording the owner 25 thereof an opportunity to present a defense under this section. If the defense is applicable, the antique slot machine shall be returned to 26 the owner or defendant, as the court may direct. 27
- (2) ((RCW 9.46.230(2))) Section 5 of this act shall have no 28 29 application to any antique slot machine that has not been operated for gambling purposes while in the owner's possession. 30
- (3) For the purposes of this section, a slot machine shall be 31 32 conclusively presumed to be an antique slot machine if it is at least twenty-five years old. 33
- Sec. 14. RCW 9.46.260 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 218 s 26 are each 34 35 amended to read as follows:
- Proof of possession of any device used for professional gambling or 36 37 any record relating to professional gambling specified in ((RCW

- 1 9.46.230)) section 7 of this act is prima facie evidence of possession
- 2 thereof with knowledge of its character or contents.
- 3 Sec. 15. RCW 9A.82.010 and 1992 c 210 s 6 and 1992 c 145 s 13 are 4 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- 5 Unless the context requires the contrary, the definitions in this 6 section apply throughout this chapter.
- 7 (1) "Creditor" means a person making an extension of credit or a 8 person claiming by, under, or through a person making an extension of 9 credit.
- 10 (2) "Debtor" means a person to whom an extension of credit is made 11 or a person who guarantees the repayment of an extension of credit or 12 in any manner undertakes to indemnify the creditor against loss 13 resulting from the failure of a person to whom an extension is made to 14 repay the same.
- 15 (3) "Extortionate extension of credit" means an extension of credit
  16 with respect to which it is the understanding of the creditor and the
  17 debtor at the time the extension is made that delay in making repayment
  18 or failure to make repayment could result in the use of violence or
  19 other criminal means to cause harm to the person, reputation, or
  20 property of any person.
- 21 (4) "Extortionate means" means the use, or an express or implicit 22 threat of use, of violence or other criminal means to cause harm to the 23 person, reputation, or property of any person.
- (5) "To collect an extension of credit" means to induce in any way a person to make repayment thereof.
- (6) "To extend credit" means to make or renew a loan or to enter into an agreement, tacit or express, whereby the repayment or satisfaction of a debt or claim, whether acknowledged or disputed, valid or invalid, and however arising, may or shall be deferred.
- 30 (7) "Repayment of an extension of credit" means the repayment, 31 satisfaction, or discharge in whole or in part of a debt or claim, 32 acknowledged or disputed, valid or invalid, resulting from or in 33 connection with that extension of credit.
- 34 (8) "Dealer in property" means a person who buys and sells property 35 as a business.
- 36 (9) "Stolen property" means property that has been obtained by 37 theft, robbery, or extortion.

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- 1 (10) "Traffic" means to sell, transfer, distribute, dispense, or 2 otherwise dispose of stolen property to another person, or to buy, 3 receive, possess, or obtain control of stolen property, with intent to 4 sell, transfer, distribute, dispense, or otherwise dispose of the 5 property to another person.
- 6 (11) "Control" means the possession of a sufficient interest to 7 permit substantial direction over the affairs of an enterprise.
- 8 (12) "Enterprise" includes any individual, sole proprietorship, 9 partnership, corporation, business trust, or other profit or nonprofit 10 legal entity, and includes any union, association, or group of 11 individuals associated in fact although not a legal entity, and both 12 illicit and licit enterprises and governmental and nongovernmental 13 entities.
- (13) "Financial institution" means any bank, trust company, savings and loan association, savings bank, mutual savings bank, credit union, or loan company under the jurisdiction of the state or an agency of the United States.
- (14) "Criminal profiteering" means any act, including 18 any 19 anticipatory or completed offense, committed for financial gain, that is chargeable or indictable under the laws of the state in which the 20 act occurred and, if the act occurred in a state other than this state, 21 would be chargeable or indictable under the laws of this state had the 22 act occurred in this state and punishable as a felony and by 23 24 imprisonment for more than one year, regardless of whether the act is 25 charged or indicted, as any of the following:
  - (a) Murder, as defined in RCW 9A.32.030 and 9A.32.050;
  - (b) Robbery, as defined in RCW 9A.56.200 and 9A.56.210;
- 28 (c) Kidnapping, as defined in RCW 9A.40.020 and 9A.40.030;
  - (d) Forgery, as defined in RCW 9A.60.020 and 9A.60.030;
- 30 (e) Theft, as defined in RCW 9A.56.030, 9A.56.040, 9A.56.060, and 9A.56.080;
- 32 (f) Child selling or child buying, as defined in RCW 9A.64.030;
- 33 (g) Bribery, as defined in RCW 9A.68.010, 9A.68.020, 9A.68.040, and 9A.68.050;
- 35 (h) Gambling, as defined in RCW 9.46.220 and ((9.46.230)) sections 36 7 and 8 of this act;
- 37 (i) Extortion, as defined in RCW 9A.56.120 and 9A.56.130;
- (j) Extortionate extension of credit, as defined in RCW 9A.82.020;

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- 1 (k) Advancing money for use in an extortionate extension of credit, 2 as defined in RCW 9A.82.030;
- 3 (1) Collection of an extortionate extension of credit, as defined 4 in RCW 9A.82.040;
  - (m) Collection of an unlawful debt, as defined in RCW 9A.82.045;
- 6 (n) Delivery or manufacture of controlled substances or possession 7 with intent to deliver or manufacture controlled substances under 8 chapter 69.50 RCW;
- 9 (o) Trafficking in stolen property, as defined in RCW 9A.82.050;
- 10 (p) Leading organized crime, as defined in RCW 9A.82.060;
- 11 (q) Money laundering, as defined in RCW 9A.83.020;
- 12 (r) Obstructing criminal investigations or prosecutions in
- 13 violation of RCW 9A.72.090, 9A.72.100, 9A.72.110, 9A.72.120, 9A.72.130,
- 14 9A.76.070, or 9A.76.180;
- 15 (s) Fraud in the purchase or sale of securities, as defined in RCW
- 16 21.20.010;

- 17 (t) Promoting pornography, as defined in RCW 9.68.140;
- 18 (u) Sexual exploitation of children, as defined in RCW 9.68A.040,
- 19 9.68A.050, and 9.68A.060;
- 20 (v) Promoting prostitution, as defined in RCW 9A.88.070 and
- 21 9A.88.080;
- 22 (w) Arson, as defined in RCW 9A.48.020 and 9A.48.030;
- 23 (x) Assault, as defined in RCW 9A.36.011 and 9A.36.021;
- 24 (y) Assault of a child, as defined in RCW 9A.36.120 and 9A.36.130;
- 25 (z) A pattern of equity skimming, as defined in RCW 61.34.020; or
- 26 (aa) Commercial telephone solicitation in violation of RCW
- 27 19.158.040(1).
- 28 (15) "Pattern of criminal profiteering activity" means engaging in
- 29 at least three acts of criminal profiteering, one of which occurred
- 30 after July 1, 1985, and the last of which occurred within five years,
- 31 excluding any period of imprisonment, after the commission of the
- 32 earliest act of criminal profiteering. In order to constitute a
- 33 pattern, the three acts must have the same or similar intent, results,
- 34 accomplices, principals, victims, or methods of commission, or be
- 35 otherwise interrelated by distinguishing characteristics including a
- 36 nexus to the same enterprise, and must not be isolated events.
- 37 However, in any civil proceedings brought pursuant to RCW 9A.82.100 by
- 38 any person other than the attorney general or county prosecuting
- 39 attorney in which one or more acts of fraud in the purchase or sale of

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- 1 securities are asserted as acts of criminal profiteering activity, it
- 2 is a condition to civil liability under RCW 9A.82.100 that the
- 3 defendant has been convicted in a criminal proceeding of fraud in the
- 4 purchase or sale of securities under RCW 21.20.400 or under the laws of
- 5 another state or of the United States requiring the same elements of
- 6 proof, but such conviction need not relate to any act or acts asserted
- 7 as acts of criminal profiteering activity in such civil action under
- 8 RCW 9A.82.100.
- 9 (16) "Records" means any book, paper, writing, record, computer 10 program, or other material.
- 11 (17) "Documentary material" means any book, paper, document,
- 12 writing, drawing, graph, chart, photograph, phonograph record, magnetic
- 13 tape, computer printout, other data compilation from which information
- 14 can be obtained or from which information can be translated into usable
- 15 form, or other tangible item.
- 16 (18) "Unlawful debt" means any money or other thing of value
- 17 constituting principal or interest of a debt that is legally
- 18 unenforceable in the state in full or in part because the debt was
- 19 incurred or contracted:
- 20 (a) In violation of any one of the following:
- 21 (i) Chapter 67.16 RCW relating to horse racing;
- 22 (ii) Chapter 9.46 RCW relating to gambling;
- 23 (b) In a gambling activity in violation of federal law; or
- 24 (c) In connection with the business of lending money or a thing of
- 25 value at a rate that is at least twice the permitted rate under the
- 26 applicable state or federal law relating to usury.
- 27 (19)(a) "Beneficial interest" means:
- 28 (i) The interest of a person as a beneficiary under a trust
- 29 established under Title 11 RCW in which the trustee for the trust holds
- 30 legal or record title to real property;
- 31 (ii) The interest of a person as a beneficiary under any other
- 32 trust arrangement under which a trustee holds legal or record title to
- 33 real property for the benefit of the beneficiary; or
- 34 (iii) The interest of a person under any other form of express
- 35 fiduciary arrangement under which one person holds legal or record
- 36 title to real property for the benefit of the other person.
- 37 (b) "Beneficial interest" does not include the interest of a
- 38 stockholder in a corporation or the interest of a partner in a general
- 39 partnership or limited partnership.

- 1 (c) A beneficial interest shall be considered to be located where 2 the real property owned by the trustee is located.
- 3 (20) "Real property" means any real property or interest in real 4 property, including but not limited to a land sale contract, lease, or 5 mortgage of real property.
- 6 (21)(a) "Trustee" means:
- 7 (i) A person acting as a trustee under a trust established under 8 Title 11 RCW in which the trustee holds legal or record title to real 9 property;
- 10 (ii) A person who holds legal or record title to real property in 11 which another person has a beneficial interest; or
- 12 (iii) A successor trustee to a person who is a trustee under 13 subsection (21)(a) (i) or (ii) of this section.
- 14 (b) "Trustee" does not mean a person appointed or acting as:
- 15 (i) A personal representative under Title 11 RCW;
- 16 (ii) A trustee of any testamentary trust;
- 17 (iii) A trustee of any indenture of trust under which a bond is 18 issued; or
- 19 (iv) A trustee under a deed of trust.
- 20 **Sec. 16.** RCW 10.105.900 and 1993 c 288 s 1 are each amended to 21 read as follows:
- This chapter does not apply to property subject to forfeiture under
- 23 chapter 66.32 RCW, RCW 69.50.505, 9.41.098, ((<del>9.46.230</del>)) section 5 of
- 24 this act, 9A.82.100, 9A.83.030, 7.48.090, or 77.12.101.
- 25 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 17.** RCW 9.46.230 and 1987 c 202 s 139, 1987 c
- 26 4 s 43, 1981 c 139 s 12, 1977 ex.s. c 326 s 16, 1974 ex.s. c 155 s 5,
- 27 1974 ex.s. c 135 s 5, & 1973 1st ex.s. c 218 s 23 are each repealed.
- 28 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 18.** This act is necessary for the immediate
- 29 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
- 30 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
- 31 effect immediately.

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