SENATE BILL 5613

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1 AN ACT Relating to information for compulsive gamblers; and 2 amending RCW 9.46.071.

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

4 Sec. 1. RCW 9.46.071 and 1994 c 218 s 6 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

The legislature recognizes that some individuals in this state are 6 7 problem or compulsive gamblers. Because the state promotes and 8 regulates gambling through the activities of the state lottery 9 commission, the Washington horse racing commission, and the Washington 10 state gambling commission, the state has the responsibility to continue to provide resources for the support of services for problem and 11 12 compulsive gamblers. Therefore, at a minimum, the Washington state 13 gambling commission, the Washington horse racing commission, and the state lottery commission shall jointly develop informational signs 14 15 concerning problem and compulsive gambling which include a toll-free 16 hot line number for problem and compulsive gamblers. The signs shall be placed in the establishments of gambling licensees, horse racing 17 licensees, and lottery retailers. In addition, the Washington state 18 gambling commission, the Washington horse racing commission, and the 19

- 1 state lottery commission may also contract with other qualified
- 2 <u>entities to provide public awareness, training, and other services to</u>
 3 <u>ensure the intent of this section is fulfilled.</u>

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