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HOUSE BILL 2862

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By Representatives Simpson and Conway; by request of Gambling Commission

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1            AN ACT Relating to fees for gambling activities regulated by the  
2 Washington state gambling commission; creating a new section; and  
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** During fiscal years 2008 and 2009, the fee  
6 increases and new fees in subsections (1) through (6) of this section  
7 authorized by the Washington state gambling commission, pursuant to its  
8 authority under RCW 9.46.070 (5) and (6), are approved.

9            (1) Effective January 1, 2009, the commission may increase the fees  
10 to the amount necessary to cover costs of processing these licensing  
11 actions. The fee shall be based on and not exceed the average actual  
12 cost to process the actions as determined by the commission:

13            (a) Business change of location fee to one hundred sixty-seven  
14 dollars;

15            (b) Change of business classification fee to one hundred  
16 sixty-seven dollars;

17            (c) Change in license class fee to one hundred sixty-seven dollars;  
18 and

1 (d) Change in corporate stock/limited liability corporation  
2 shares/units to three hundred sixty dollars.

3 (2) Effective January 1, 2009, the commission may increase the  
4 following Washington state identification and inspection stamp fees as  
5 necessary to offset fiscal growth factor-related rounding limitations  
6 experienced in the past:

7 (a) Punchboard/pull-tab games with wagers fifty cents or lower to  
8 thirty-five cents;

9 (b) Punchboard/pull-tab games with wagers over fifty cents to one  
10 dollar and thirty-seven cents;

11 (c) Mechanical or electromechanical pull-tab dispensers to  
12 thirty-five cents;

13 (d) Disposable bingo cards, sets of individual cards or sheets of  
14 cards, to thirty-five cents; and

15 (e) Disposable bingo cards, collations of cards, to one dollar and  
16 fifty cents.

17 (3) Effective July 1, 2008, the commission may replace the current  
18 manufacturer annual license fee with a fee that is three percent of  
19 annual gross gambling sales and services.

20 (4) Effective July 1, 2008, the commission may establish an  
21 additional fee to cover costs of reviewing company information for  
22 publicly traded companies that are licensed or hold an ownership  
23 interest in a licensee. The fee shall not exceed six thousand five  
24 hundred dollars annually.

25 (5) Effective July 1, 2008, the commission may establish a new  
26 individual license fee for corporate/limited liability company officers  
27 who are not already licensed, in order to ensure individuals that  
28 influence the operation of the organization are licensed. The fee  
29 shall not exceed three hundred thirty-seven dollars annually.

30 (6) All other commission fees may be increased once in fiscal years  
31 2008 and 2009. The increase in fiscal year 2008 shall not exceed the  
32 fiscal growth factor of five and fifty-three one-hundredths percent,  
33 and the increase in fiscal year 2009 shall not exceed the estimated  
34 fiscal growth factor of five and thirty-eight one-hundredths percent.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
36 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the

1 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
2 immediately.

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