

SB 6804 - H AMD 1282

By Representative Green

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

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4 "Sec. 1. RCW 43.20A.890 and 2005 c 369 s 2 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) A program for (a) the prevention and treatment of problem and
7 pathological gambling; and (b) the training of professionals in the
8 identification and treatment of problem and pathological gambling is
9 established within the department of social and health services, to be
10 administered by a qualified person who has training and experience in
11 problem gambling or the organization and administration of treatment
12 services for persons suffering from problem gambling. The department
13 may certify and contract with treatment facilities for any services
14 provided under the program. The department shall track program
15 participation and client outcomes.

16 (2) To receive treatment under subsection (1) of this section, a
17 person must:

18 (a) Need treatment for problem or pathological gambling, or
19 because of the problem or pathological gambling of a family member,
20 but be unable to afford treatment; and

21 (b) Be targeted by the department of social and health services as
22 being most amenable to treatment.

23 (3) Treatment under this section is available only to the extent
24 of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the
25 department of social and health services for this purpose. The
26 department may solicit and accept for use any gift of money or
27 property made by will or otherwise, and any grant of money, services,

1 or property from the federal government, any tribal government, the
2 state, or any political subdivision thereof or any private source, and
3 do all things necessary to cooperate with the federal government or
4 any of its agencies or any tribal government in making an application
5 for any grant.

6 (4) The department may adopt rules establishing standards for the
7 review and certification of treatment facilities under this program.

8 (5) The department of social and health services shall establish
9 an advisory committee to assist it in designing, managing, and
10 evaluating the effectiveness of the program established in this
11 section. The advisory committee shall give due consideration in the
12 design and management of the program that persons who hold licenses or
13 contracts issued by the gambling commission, horse racing commission,
14 and lottery commission are not excluded from, or discouraged from,
15 applying to participate in the program. The committee shall include,
16 at a minimum, persons knowledgeable in the field of problem and
17 pathological gambling and persons representing tribal gambling,
18 privately owned nontribal gambling, and the state lottery.

19 ((+5)) (6) For purposes of this section, "pathological gambling"
20 is a mental disorder characterized by loss of control over gambling,
21 progression in preoccupation with gambling and in obtaining money to
22 gamble, and continuation of gambling despite adverse consequences.
23 "Problem gambling" is an earlier stage of pathological gambling which
24 compromises, disrupts, or damages family or personal relationships or
25 vocational pursuits.

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27 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) The department of health shall develop
28 recommendations regarding the credentialing of problem and
29 pathological gambling treatment providers who were, prior to July 1,
30 2010, providing problem and pathological gambling treatment services
31 as registered counselors under chapter 18.19 RCW.

32 (2) When developing its recommendations, the department shall:

33 (a) Consider, to the extent practicable, the criteria for
34 sunrise review under RCW 18.120.010(2) and (3); and

1 (b) Solicit input from stakeholders, including, but not limited
2 to, the department of social and health services, problem and
3 pathological gambling treatment providers, chemical dependency
4 professionals, and any other affected health professions.

5 (3) The department's recommendations shall, at a minimum,
6 include:

7 (a) A determination of whether the scope of practice of an
8 existing credential should be expanded to include problem and
9 pathological gambling treatment services or whether a new credential
10 for problem and pathological gambling treatment providers should be
11 created; and

12 (b) Appropriate training, education, or examination requirements
13 for problem and pathological gambling treatment providers.

14 (3) The department shall report its recommendations to the
15 appropriate committees of the legislature no later than December 1,
16 2010.

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18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Section 1 of this act expires December 31,
19 2012."

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21 Correct the title.
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EFFECT: Expires the authority of the Department of Social and Health services to certify problem and pathological gambling treatment facilities on December 31, 2012. Requires the Department of Health to develop recommendations regarding the credentialing of problem and pathological gambling treatment providers who were, prior to July 1, 2010, providing problem and pathological gambling treatment services as registered counselors under chapter 18.19 RCW. Requires the Department of Health to consider sunrise review criteria and solicit input from stakeholders when developing its recommendations. Requires the recommendations to include: (1) a determination of whether the scope of practice of an existing credential should be expanded to include problem and pathological gambling treatment services or whether a new credential for problem and pathological gambling treatment providers should be created and (2) appropriate training, education, or examination requirements for problem and pathological gambling treatment providers. Requires

the Department of Health to report its recommendations to the legislature no later than December 1, 2010.

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