

By the Committee on Children and Families; and Senator  
Campbell

300-1891-99

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to compulsive gambling;  
3           directing the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental  
4           Health Program Office within the Department of  
5           Children and Family Services to establish  
6           within resources specifically appropriated and  
7           pursuant to s. 20.19(17), F.S., a program for  
8           public education, training, prevention, and  
9           treatment; amending s. 24.105, F.S.; requiring  
10          the Department of the Lottery to require  
11          vendors to provide notice of a toll-free  
12          problem gambling hotline; requiring lottery  
13          personnel and vendors to receive certain  
14          training and education; amending s. 24.112,  
15          F.S.; requiring retailers of lottery tickets to  
16          provide notice of a toll-free problem gambling  
17          hotline; amending s. 550.054, F.S.; requiring  
18          pari-mutuel licensees to provide notice of a  
19          toll-free problem gambling hotline; amending s.  
20          849.0931, F.S.; requiring authorized bingo  
21          organizations to provide notice of a toll-free  
22          problem gambling hotline; providing  
23          appropriations; providing an effective date.

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25 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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27           Section 1. Compulsive gambling program.--Within  
28 resources specifically appropriated for this purpose and  
29 consistent with s. 20.19(17), the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and  
30 Mental Health Program Office within the Department of Children  
31 and Family Services shall establish a program for public

1 education, awareness, and training regarding problem and  
2 compulsive gambling and the treatment and prevention of  
3 problem and compulsive gambling. The program shall include:

4 (1) Maintenance of a compulsive gambling advocacy  
5 organization's toll-free problem gambling telephone number to  
6 provide crisis counseling and referral services to families  
7 experiencing difficulty as a result of problem or compulsive  
8 gambling.

9 (2) The promotion of public awareness regarding the  
10 recognition and prevention of problem or compulsive gambling.

11 (3) Facilitation, through inservice training and other  
12 means, of the availability of effective assistance programs  
13 for problem and compulsive gamblers, of all ages, and family  
14 members affected by problem and compulsive gambling.

15 (4) Studies to identify adults and juveniles in this  
16 state who are, or who are at risk of becoming, problem or  
17 compulsive gamblers.

18 Section 2. Subsections (22) and (23) are added to  
19 section 24.105, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read:

20 24.105 Powers and duties of department.--The  
21 department shall:

22 (22) Print the statement and the toll-free number  
23 provided by the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Program  
24 Office within the Department of Children and Family Services  
25 "IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A GAMBLING PROBLEM, HELP IS  
26 AVAILABLE. CALL (the number provided)." on all lottery  
27 tickets, advertising, and marketing materials provided to the  
28 general public and shall include this requirement in all  
29 contracts entered into with vendors pursuant to s. 24.111.

30 (23) Require all appropriate department personnel and  
31 vendors as determined by the department to receive training

1 and education on problem and compulsive gambling, such  
2 training and education to be provided by an advocacy  
3 organization for problem and compulsive gambling to be  
4 selected by the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Program  
5 Office within the Department of Children and Family Services.

6 Section 3. Subsection (6) of section 24.112, Florida  
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 24.112 Retailers of lottery tickets.--

9 (6) Every retailer shall post and keep conspicuously  
10 displayed in a location on the premises accessible to the  
11 public its certificate of authority and, with respect to each  
12 game, a statement supplied by the department of the estimated  
13 odds of winning some prize for the game. Every retailer shall  
14 also post and keep conspicuously displayed in a location on  
15 the premises accessible to the public the statement "IF YOU OR  
16 SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A GAMBLING PROBLEM, HELP IS AVAILABLE.  
17 CALL (the number provided)." and shall print this statement  
18 and the toll-free number provided by the Alcohol, Drug Abuse,  
19 and Mental Health Program Office within the Department of  
20 Children and Family Services on all advertising and marketing  
21 materials provided or conducted by the licensee on all lottery  
22 tickets.

23 Section 4. Subsections (14) and (15) are added to  
24 section 550.054, Florida Statutes, to read:

25 550.054 Application for permit to conduct pari-mutuel  
26 wagering.--

27 (14) Each pari-mutuel facility licensee shall post  
28 signs with the statement and the toll-free number provided by  
29 the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Program Office  
30 within the Department of Children and Family Services "IF YOU  
31 OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A GAMBLING PROBLEM, HELP IS AVAILABLE.

1 CALL (the number provided)." Such signs shall be posted within  
2 50 feet of each entrance and exit and within 50 feet of each  
3 credit location within the pari-mutuel facility. Such signs  
4 shall also be posted within 50 feet of any facility at which  
5 an intertrack wager may be placed.

6 (15) Each pari-mutuel facility licensee shall print  
7 the statement and the toll-free number provided by the  
8 Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Program Office within  
9 the Department of Children and Family Services "IF YOU OR  
10 SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A GAMBLING PROBLEM, HELP IS AVAILABLE.  
11 CALL (the number provided)." on all advertising and marketing  
12 materials provided or conducted by the licensee or its lessees  
13 to the general public.

14 Section 5. Present subsection (13) of section  
15 849.0931, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (15),  
16 and new subsections (13) and (14) are added to that section,  
17 to read:

18 849.0931 Bingo authorized; conditions for conduct;  
19 permitted uses of proceeds; limitations.--

20 (13) Each organization conducting bingo open to the  
21 public shall post signs with the statement and the toll-free  
22 number provided by the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health  
23 Program Office within the Department of Children and Family  
24 Services "IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A GAMBLING PROBLEM,  
25 HELP IS AVAILABLE. CALL (the number provided)." Such signs  
26 shall be posted within 50 feet of each entrance and exit to  
27 the premises at which bingo is conducted by the organization.

28 (14) Each organization conducting bingo open to the  
29 public shall print the statement and the toll-free number  
30 provided by the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Program  
31 Office within the Department of Children and Family Services

1 "IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A GAMBLING PROBLEM, HELP IS  
2 AVAILABLE. CALL (the number provided)." on all advertising and  
3 marketing materials provided or conducted by the licensee.

4 (15)(13) Any organization or other person who  
5 willfully and knowingly violates any provision of subsections  
6 (1)-(12) commits this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of  
7 the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
8 775.083. For a second or subsequent offense, the organization  
9 or other person commits is guilty of a felony of the third  
10 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or  
11 s. 775.084.

12 Section 6. Appropriations.--

13 (1) The amount of \$500,000 is appropriated from the  
14 General Revenue Fund to the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental  
15 Health Program Office within the Department of Children and  
16 Family Services to establish a dedicated, nonreverting fund  
17 for distribution to an advocacy organization for problem and  
18 compulsive gambling to maintain the toll-free statewide  
19 problem gambling referral hotline, promote public awareness,  
20 and conduct inservice training concerning problem and  
21 compulsive gambling in cooperation with the program office, as  
22 required by section 1 of this act.

23 (2) The amount of \$2 million is appropriated from the  
24 General Revenue Fund to the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental  
25 Health Program Office within the Department of Children and  
26 Family Services to establish a dedicated, nonreverting fund to  
27 conduct treatment programs for problem and compulsive  
28 gamblers.

29 (3) The Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering within the  
30 Department of Business and Professional Regulation is  
31 authorized to expend up to \$250,000 from the Pari-Mutuel

1 Wagering Trust Fund for education, awareness, prevention, and  
2 treatment programs for problem and compulsive gamblers.

3 Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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5 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
6 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
7 Senate Bill 962

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8 Specifies that the compulsive gambling program must be  
9 implemented with resources specifically appropriated for this  
10 purpose.

10 Specifies that the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health  
11 Program Office will use the provisions in s. 20.19(17), F.S.,  
12 1998 Supp., to select the advocacy organization that will  
13 operate the toll-free telephone number for the crisis  
14 counseling and referral service.

13 Specifies that the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health  
14 Program Office will provide the toll free number for public  
15 display to the Department of the Lottery, the Department of  
16 Business and Professional Regulation, and organizations that  
17 conduct bingo.

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