

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to compulsive and addictive gambling
3 prevention; creating s. 16.7121, F.S.; providing
4 legislative intent and purpose; providing definitions;
5 establishing the Compulsive and Addictive Gambling
6 Prevention Program within the Florida Gaming Control
7 Commission; requiring the commission to contract for
8 services relating to the program; providing the duties
9 of the program; requiring the commission to ensure
10 gaming facilities participate in the program by taking
11 certain actions; authorizing the commission to
12 allocate funding for the program from a specified
13 source; providing a cap on the amount that the
14 commission can allocate to the trust fund; providing
15 for rulemaking; amending s. 24.120, F.S.; requiring
16 the Department of the Lottery to deposit a certain
17 percentage of specified funds into a certain trust
18 fund for the purpose of participation in the program;
19 repealing s. 551.118, F.S., relating to the compulsive
20 or addictive gambling prevention program; amending ss.
21 550.135 and 551.104, F.S.; conforming to provisions to
22 changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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24 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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26 Section 1. Section 16.7121, Florida Statutes, is created
 27 to read:

28 16.7121 Compulsive and Addictive Gambling Prevention
 29 Program.-

30 (1) The Legislature recognizes the potential for persons
 31 participating in authorized wagering or gambling activities to
 32 develop compulsive and addictive gambling behavior. The purpose
 33 of this section is to recognize and mitigate, to the extent
 34 possible, the adverse impact of compulsive and addictive
 35 gambling behaviors on individuals, families, and communities by
 36 raising awareness of such behavior through a prevention program.
 37 This section is not intended to inhibit, or otherwise obstruct,
 38 medical or behavioral health research regarding the impact of
 39 compulsive or addictive gambling behavior.

40 (2) As used in this section the term:

41 (a) "Commission" means the Florida Gaming Control
 42 Commission.

43 (b) "Compulsive gambling" and "addictive gambling" means
 44 disordered gambling by a person who does not have the ability to
 45 control his or her gambling and as a result experiences
 46 difficulties in his or her life due to such gambling.

47 (c) "Employee training program" means training and
 48 materials provided to the employees of pari-mutuel, cardroom,
 49 casino, and other such gaming venue facilities that:

50 1. Identifies the characteristics and signs of compulsive

51 gambling behavior.

52 2. Offers techniques to be used when a compulsive gambling
53 problem is identified or suspected.

54 3. Includes information on available self-exclusion
55 programs.

56 4. Includes information on how to access problem gambling
57 support and available resources.

58 (3) The Compulsive and Addictive Gambling Prevention
59 Program is established within the Florida Gaming Control
60 Commission. The commission shall contract, subject to
61 competitive bidding, for the provision of services to operate,
62 manage, and administer the program. The program shall:

63 (a) Serve as a single source provider of information
64 relating to compulsive or addictive gambling, including
65 referrals to services for persons seeking professional help for
66 such behavior.

67 (b) Provide support to persons in need of assistance due
68 to compulsive or addictive gambling.

69 (c) Maintain a statewide advertising program that promotes
70 and encourages responsible gambling.

71 (d) Maintain a statewide advertising program that promotes
72 and publicizes the confidential and multi-lingual, toll-free
73 (888)-ADMIT-IT helpline to provide information and referral
74 services regarding compulsive or problem gambling.

75 (e) Develop and conduct employee training programs.

76 (f) Report annually on the services provided, including
77 the number of calls and online contacts received, the number of
78 employee training programs administered for each facility, and
79 the number and type of advertising methods used to publicize the
80 program.

81 (4) The commission shall ensure that each pari-mutuel,
82 cardroom, casino, or other such gambling venue facility
83 participates in the Compulsive and Addictive Gambling Prevention
84 Program. Each facility must:

85 (a) Create and file with the commission a written policy
86 for verifying that all employees receive the training program
87 specified in paragraph (3)(e).

88 (b) Display adequate signage, developed under paragraphs
89 (3)(c) and (d), in a font size that is visually conspicuous in
90 all public access areas of the facility.

91 (c) Promote the same toll-free telephone number used by
92 the advertising program under paragraph (3)(d) on all print,
93 billboard, sign, online, or broadcast advertisements of any
94 wagering activities, including wagering activities offered
95 online or via mobile or other electronic devices.

96 (d) Offer a self-exclusion program which allows a person
97 to voluntarily agree to be barred from the facility, or any
98 affiliated platforms or properties, and from all types of
99 gambling offered.

100 1. The commission shall ensure that the self-exclusion

101 program is uniform for all gambling operators.

102 2. The self-exclusion program must include options for:

103 a. An exclusion period of 2 years.

104 b. An exclusion period of 5 years.

105 c. A lifetime exclusion with an option to apply for
 106 reentry after a 2 or 5 year period.

107 (5) Each year, the commission shall allocate up to .3
 108 percent of all funds collected annually in the Pari-mutuel
 109 Wagering Trust Fund to fund the Compulsive and Addictive
 110 Gambling Prevention Program.

111 (6) The commission may adopt rules to implement this
 112 section.

113 Section 2. Subsection (7) is added to section 24.120,
 114 Florida Statutes, to read:

115 24.120 Financial matters; Operating Trust Fund;
 116 interagency cooperation.—

117 (7) Each fiscal year, the department shall deposit .3
 118 percent of gross revenue from the sale of online and instant
 119 lottery tickets into the Pari-Mutuel Wagering Trust Fund for the
 120 purpose of participating in the Compulsive and Addictive
 121 Gambling Prevention Program established under s. 16.7121.

122 Section 3. Section 551.118, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

123 Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 550.135, Florida
 124 Statutes, is amended to read:

125 550.135 Division of moneys derived under this law.—All

126 moneys that are deposited with the Chief Financial Officer to
 127 the credit of the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund shall be
 128 distributed as follows:

129 (3) The slot machine license fee and, the slot machine
 130 occupational license fee, ~~and the compulsive or addictive~~
 131 ~~gambling prevention program fee~~ collected pursuant to ss.
 132 551.106 and, 551.107(2)(a)1., ~~and 551.118~~ shall be used to fund
 133 the direct and indirect operating expenses of the division's
 134 slot machine regulation operations and to provide funding for
 135 relevant enforcement activities in accordance with authorized
 136 appropriations. Funds deposited into the Pari-mutuel Wagering
 137 Trust Fund pursuant to ss. 551.106 and, 551.107(2)(a)1., ~~and~~
 138 ~~551.118~~ shall be reserved in the trust fund for slot machine
 139 regulation operations. On June 30, any unappropriated funds in
 140 excess of those necessary for incurred obligations and
 141 subsequent year cash flow for slot machine regulation operations
 142 shall be deposited with the Chief Financial Officer to the
 143 credit of the General Revenue Fund.

144 Section 5. Paragraph (i) of subsection (4) of section
 145 551.104, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

146 551.104 License to conduct slot machine gaming.—

147 (4) As a condition of licensure and to maintain continued
 148 authority for the conduct of slot machine gaming, the slot
 149 machine licensee shall:

150 (i) Create and file with the division a written policy

151 for:

152 1. Creating opportunities to purchase from vendors in this
153 state, including minority vendors.

154 2. Creating opportunities for employment of residents of
155 this state, including minority residents.

156 3. Ensuring opportunities for construction services from
157 minority contractors.

158 4. Ensuring that opportunities for employment are offered
159 on an equal, nondiscriminatory basis.

160 5. Training for employees on responsible gambling ~~gaming~~
161 and working with the ~~a~~ Compulsive or Addictive Gambling
162 Prevention Program ~~to further its purposes~~ as provided for in s.
163 16.7121 ~~s. 551.118~~.

164 6. The implementation of a drug-testing program that
165 includes, but is not limited to, requiring each employee to sign
166 an agreement that he or she understands that the slot machine
167 facility is a drug-free workplace.

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169 The slot machine licensee shall use the Internet-based job-
170 listing system of the Department of Economic Opportunity in
171 advertising employment opportunities. ~~Beginning in June 2007,~~
172 Each slot machine licensee shall provide an annual report to the
173 division containing information indicating compliance with this
174 paragraph in regard to minority persons.

175 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.