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(Compulsive gambling--funding)

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SPONSOR(S) Sinagra

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[FIRST REPRINT]
SENATE, No. 1383

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 30, 1992

By Senators SINAGRA and CODEY

1 AN ACT concerning funding for compulsive gambling ¹[and]
2 treatment programs,¹ amending P.L.1977, c.110 ¹and
3 supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes¹.

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5 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
6 *State of New Jersey:*

7 1. Section 145 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-145) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 145. Casino revenue fund. a. There is hereby created and
10 established in the Department of the Treasury a separate special
11 account to be known as the "Casino Revenue Fund," into which
12 shall be deposited all revenues from the tax imposed by section
13 144 of this act; the investment alternative tax imposed by section
14 3 of P.L.1984, c.218 (C.5:12-144.1); and all penalties levied and
15 collected by the commission pursuant to P.L.1977, c.110
16 (C.5:12-1 et seq.) and the regulations promulgated thereunder,
17 except that the first [~~\$500,000~~] \$600,000 in penalties collected
18 each fiscal year shall be paid into the General Fund for
19 appropriation by the Legislature to the Department of Health,
20 \$500,000 of which is to provide funds to the Council on
21 Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey and \$100,000 of which is to
22 provide funds for compulsive gambling treatment programs in the
23 State. ¹In the event that less than \$600,000 in penalties are
24 collected, the Department of Health shall determine the
25 allocation of funds between the Council and the treatment
26 programs eligible under the criteria developed pursuant to section
27 2 of P.L., c. ... (C.)(now pending before the Legislature
28 as this bill.)¹

29 b. The commission shall require at least monthly deposits by
30 the licensee of the tax established pursuant to subsection a. of
31 section 144 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-144), at such times, under
32 such conditions, and in such depositories as shall be prescribed by
33 the State Treasurer. The deposits shall be deposited to the credit
34 of the Casino Revenue Fund. The commission may require a
35 monthly report and reconciliation statement to be filed with it on
36 or before the 10th day of each month, with respect to gross
37 revenues and deposits received and made, respectively, during the
38 preceding month.

39 c. Moneys in the Casino Revenue Fund shall be appropriated
40 exclusively for reductions in property taxes, rentals, telephone,
41 gas, electric, and municipal utilities charges of eligible senior
42 citizens and disabled residents of the State, and for additional

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the
above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows.

¹ Senate SBA committee amendments adopted March 18, 1993

1 or expanded health services or benefits or transportation services
2 or benefits to eligible senior citizens and disabled residents, as
3 shall be provided by law. On or about March 15 and September 15
4 of each year, the State Treasurer shall publish in at least 10
5 newspapers circulating generally in the State a report accounting
6 for the total revenues received in the Casino Revenue Fund and
7 the specific amounts of money appropriated therefrom for
8 specific expenditures during the preceding six months ending
9 December 31 and June 30.

10 (cf: P.L.1991, c.182, s.58)

11 12. (New section) The Department of Health shall develop
12 criteria which a treatment program for compulsive gamblers shall
13 meet in order to become eligible for a grant from the funds made
14 available for such treatment programs pursuant to section 145 of
15 P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-145). The department shall also develop
16 a formula for the distribution of available funds which will result
17 in an equitable distribution among the programs which meet the
18 eligibility criteria and apply for grants.

19 The department shall submit a report to the Senate Budget and
20 Appropriations Committee and the Assembly Appropriations
21 Committee, or their successors, describing the criteria developed
22 pursuant to this section and detailing the amount of grants
23 distributed and the names of the programs receiving grants.. The
24 department shall submit the report annually to both committees.¹

25 ¹[2.] 3.1 This act shall take effect on July 1, 1993.

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STATEMENT

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9 This bill provides that \$100,000 of the first \$600,000 in
10 penalties collected by the Casino Control Commission each fiscal
11 year shall be paid into the General Fund for appropriation by the
12 Legislature to the Department of Health to provide funds for
13 compulsive gambling treatment programs in the State.

14 Currently, the first \$500,000 in penalties collected by the
15 commission are appropriated to the Council on Compulsive
16 Gambling of New Jersey; however, these funds cannot be
17 allocated to other compulsive gambling treatment programs in
18 the State, such as the program at John F. Kennedy Medical
19 Center in Edison. This bill will ensure that a stable source of
20 funding is available for treatment programs in the State.

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ASSEMBLY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

SENATE, No. 1383

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 17, 1993

The Assembly Financial Institution Committee favorably reports Senate, No. 1383 (1R).

Senate, No. 1383 (1R) amends section 145 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-145) to increase from \$500,000 to \$600,000 the amount of penalties collected by the Casino Control Commission each fiscal year which are to be deposited into the General Fund and appropriated to the Department of Health. Under current law, the Council on Compulsive Gambling is to receive \$500,000 of this amount. Under this bill, the additional \$100,000 is to be allocated for other compulsive gambling treatment programs throughout the State. If less than \$600,000 in penalties are received, the Department of Health would determine the allocation of funds between the Council and treatment programs.

The \$600,000 would have to be appropriated in the appropriations act for each fiscal year.

In accordance with the bill's mandate, the Department of Health is to develop eligibility criteria which a treatment program would have to meet in order to obtain a grant. In addition, the department must establish a formula for the equitable distribution of grants to eligible applicants. The department is required to report to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Assembly Appropriations Committee on the criteria developed and the amount of grants distributed.

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1383

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 18, 1993

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1383.

Currently, the first \$500,000 in penalties collected by the Casino Control Commission each fiscal year is appropriated to the Council on Compulsive Gambling. No allocation, however, is presently made for other compulsive gambling treatment programs. This bill would allocate the first \$600,000 in penalties collected by the commission each year with \$500,000 continuing to be allocated to the Council on Compulsive Gambling and the other \$100,000 being allocated to the Department of Health to fund other compulsive gambling treatment programs throughout the State.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1383

with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 18, 1993

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1383, with committee amendments.

Senate Bill No. 1383, as amended, amends section 145 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-145) to increase from \$500,000 to \$600,000 the amount of penalties collected by the Casino Control Commission each fiscal year which are to be deposited into the General Fund and appropriated to the Department of Health. Under current law, the Council on Compulsive Gambling is to receive \$500,000 of this amount. Under this bill, the additional \$100,000 is to be allocated for other compulsive gambling treatment programs throughout the State. If less than \$600,000 in penalties are received, the Department of Health would determine the allocation of funds between the Council and treatment programs.

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According to the sponsor, one example of the very few programs in the State which could receive a grant from the Department of Health is the outpatient compulsive gambling treatment program at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to require the Department of Health to: (1) develop eligibility criteria which a treatment program would have to meet in order to obtain a grant; (2) establish a formula for the equitable distribution of grants among eligible applicants; (3) determine the allocation of funds between the Council on Compulsive Gambling and treatment programs if less than \$600,000 in penalties are received; and (4) report to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Assembly Appropriations Committee on the criteria developed and the amount of grants distributed.

FISCAL IMPACT

This bill amends statutory law, therefore, it does not effect current State expenditures.

Although this amendment to section 145 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-145) requires that an appropriation be made to the Department of Health for each fiscal year, the funds specified in the bill will only be available if actually included in the appropriations act for each fiscal year.

This bill, if implemented annually in the appropriation act, would reduce the deposits in the Casino Revenue Fund by \$100,000 each year.