

AMENDMENTS TO LB 1058

Introduced by General Affairs.

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
2 new sections:

3 Section 1. Section 71-816, Revised Statutes Cumulative
4 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

5 71-816 (1) The Legislature finds that the main sources
6 of funding for the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund are the
7 Charitable Gaming Operations Fund as provided in section 9-1,101
8 and the State Lottery Operation Trust Fund as provided in section
9 9-812 and Article III, section 24, of the Constitution of Nebraska.
10 It is the intent of the Legislature that the Compulsive Gamblers
11 Assistance Fund be used primarily for counseling and treatment
12 services for problem gamblers and their families who are residents
13 of Nebraska.

14 ~~(1)~~ (2) The State Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling
15 and Addiction Services is created. Members of the committee
16 shall have a demonstrated interest and commitment and specialized
17 knowledge, experience, or expertise relating to the provision of
18 problem gambling and addiction services in the State of Nebraska.
19 The committee shall consist of twelve members appointed by the
20 Governor and shall include at least three consumers of problem
21 gambling or addiction services. The committee shall appoint one of
22 its members as chairperson of the committee and other officers as
23 it deems appropriate. The committee shall conduct regular meetings

1 and shall meet upon the call of the chairperson or a majority of
2 its members to conduct its official business.

3 (3) The committee shall develop and recommend to
4 the division guidelines and standards for the distribution and
5 disbursement of money in the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance
6 Fund. Such guidelines and standards shall be based on nationally
7 recognized standards for compulsive gamblers assistance programs.

8 (4) In addition, the committee shall develop
9 recommendations regarding (a) the evaluation and approval
10 process for provider applications and contracts for treatment
11 funding from the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund, (b) the
12 use and expenditure of funds for education regarding problem
13 gambling and prevention of problem gambling, and (c) the creation
14 and implementation of outreach and educational programs regarding
15 problem gambling for Nebraska residents. The committee may engage
16 in other activities it finds necessary to carry out its duties
17 under this section.

18 (5) Based on the recommendations of the committee, the
19 division shall adopt guidelines and standards for the distribution
20 and disbursement of money in the fund and for administration of
21 problem gambling and addiction services in Nebraska.

22 (6) The division and the committee shall jointly submit
23 a report within sixty days after the end of each fiscal year
24 to the Legislature and the Governor that provides details of the
25 administration of services and distribution of funds.

26 ~~(2) The committee shall be responsible to the division~~
27 ~~and shall (a) conduct regular meetings, (b) provide advice and~~

1 assistance to the division relating to the provision of problem
2 gambling and addiction services in the State of Nebraska, (c)
3 evaluate applications for funding from the Compulsive Gamblers
4 Assistance Fund and make recommendations relating to disbursements
5 from the fund, (d) promote the interests of consumers and their
6 families, (e) provide reports as requested by the division, and (f)
7 engage in such other activities as directed or authorized by the
8 division.

9 Sec. 2. Section 71-817, Revised Statutes Cumulative
10 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

11 71-817 The Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund is
12 created. The fund shall include revenue transferred from the
13 State Lottery Operation Trust Fund under section 9-812 and the
14 Charitable Gaming Operations Fund under section 9-1,101 and any
15 other revenue received by the division for credit to the fund from
16 any other public or private source, including, but not limited
17 to, appropriations, grants, donations, gifts, devises, bequests,
18 fees, or reimbursements. The division shall administer the fund
19 for the treatment of problem gamblers as recommended by the State
20 Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling and Addiction Services
21 established under section 71-816 and shall spend no more than ten
22 percent of the money appropriated to the fund for administrative
23 costs. The Director of Administrative Services shall draw warrants
24 upon the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund upon the presentation
25 of proper vouchers by the division. Money from the Compulsive
26 Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be used exclusively for the purpose
27 of providing assistance to agencies, groups, organizations, and

1 individuals that provide education, assistance, and counseling to
2 individuals and families experiencing difficulty as a result of
3 problem gambling, to promote the awareness of gamblers assistance
4 programs, and to pay the costs and expenses of the division and the
5 committee with regard to problem gambling. The division shall not
6 provide any direct services to problem gamblers or their families.
7 Funds appropriated from the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund
8 shall not be granted or loaned to or administered by any regional
9 behavioral health authority unless the authority is a direct
10 provider of a problem gamblers assistance program. Any money in
11 the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
12 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act
13 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

14 Sec. 3. Original sections 71-816 and 71-817, Revised
15 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006, are repealed.

16 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
17 when passed and approved according to law.