

SENATE BILL NO. 570

June 5, 1997, Introduced by Senators BOUCHARD, GEAKE,
NORTH, ROGERS, SHUGARS and DUNASKISS and referred to the
Committee on Gaming and Casino Oversight.

A bill to create the compulsive gaming prevention fund; to
impose duties on certain licensed entities; to prescribe the
duties of certain state officials; and to impose penalties.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "compulsive gaming prevention act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Casino" means a building in which gaming is conducted.

5 (b) "Casino licensee" means a person who is licensed to
6 operate a casino under the Michigan gaming control and revenue
7 act, the Initiated Law of 1996, MCL 432.201 to 432.216.

8 (c) "Michigan gaming control board" means the Michigan
9 gaming control board created in the Michigan gaming control and
10 revenue act, the Initiated Law of 1996, MCL 432.20 to 432.216.

1 (d) "Pathological gambler" means an individual with a
2 severe, persistent, and recurrent maladaptive gambling behavior
3 that disrupts personal, family, or vocational pursuits.

4 Sec. 3. (1) The compulsive gaming prevention fund is cre-
5 ated within the department of treasury.

6 (2) All of the following shall be deposited in the compul-
7 sive gaming prevention fund:

8 (a) A percentage of the wagering tax collected pursuant to
9 the Michigan gaming control and revenue act, the Initiated Law of
10 1996, MCL 432.201 to 432.216, that is equal to 1/10 of 1% of the
11 gross wagers made in each of the casinos licensed under the
12 Michigan gaming control and revenue act, the Initiated Law of
13 1996, MCL 432.201 to 432.216.

14 (b) A percentage of the net revenue in the state lottery
15 fund created in section 41 of the
16 McCauley-Traxler-Law-Bowman-McNeely lottery act, 1972 PA 239,
17 MCL 432.41, that is equal to not less than 10% of each year's
18 state lottery advertising budget but not to exceed
19 \$1,000,000.00.

20 (c) A percentage of the Michigan agriculture equine industry
21 development fund created in section 20 of the horse racing law of
22 1995, 1995 PA 279, MCL 431.320, that is equal to 1/10 of 1% of
23 the gross wagers made in each of the racetracks licensed under
24 the horse racing law of 1995, 1995 PA 279, MCL 431.301 to
25 431.336.

26 (3) Of the funds available in the compulsive gaming
27 prevention fund, \$40,000.00 shall be distributed to the domestic

1 abuse council. The remaining funds in the compulsive gaming
2 prevention fund shall be distributed as determined by the direc-
3 tor of community health to be used exclusively for the treatment,
4 prevention, education, training, research, and evaluation of
5 pathological gamblers and their families and to fund the Michigan
6 council on problem gaming toll-free hotline number.

7 (4) The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the
8 fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and
9 earnings from fund investments.

10 (5) Funds remaining in the compulsive gaming prevention fund
11 at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the compulsive
12 gaming prevention fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

13 Sec. 4. The director of the department of community health,
14 after consulting with the racing commissioner, the commissioner
15 of the state lottery, and the chairperson of the Michigan gaming
16 control board, shall authorize the distribution of funds from the
17 compulsive gaming prevention fund to be used exclusively for the
18 treatment, prevention, education, training, research, and evalu-
19 ation of pathological gamblers and their families.

20 Sec. 5. (1) The results of funded studies and recommenda-
21 tions for any changes in funding levels shall be submitted to the
22 racing commissioner, the commissioner of the state lottery, the
23 chairperson of the Michigan gaming control board, the chairs of
24 the senate and house committees on gaming issues, and the direc-
25 tor of the department of community health.

26 (2) If the director of the department of community health
27 determines that the money in the compulsive gaming prevention

1 fund is inadequate to fund the services, programs, or research
2 required under this act, the Michigan gaming control board may
3 assess a fee on each of the 3 casinos licensed under the Michigan
4 gaming control and revenue act, the Initiated Law of 1996, MCL
5 432.201 to 432.216, that will equal the additional amount needed
6 to adequately fund the services, programs, and research required
7 under this act. Each casino will be assessed a percentage of the
8 additional amount needed that is equal to its percentage share of
9 the total gross revenues generated by all 3 casinos during the
10 previous calendar year.

11 Sec. 6. Public funds for the treatment of pathological gam-
12 blers shall be taken exclusively from the compulsive gaming pre-
13 vention fund. It is the intent of the legislature that funds
14 appropriated for the department of community health not be dimin-
15 ished by the additional funds provided for in this act.

16 Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless
17 Senate Bill No. 569
18 of the 89th Legislature is enacted into law.