A-Engrossed Senate Bill 483

Ordered by the Senate April 8 Including Senate Amendments dated April 8

Sponsored by Senator GELSER (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Requires Oregon State Lottery, in event of [error, malfunction or failure] systemwide event that causes winnings to go unclaimed, to stop use of faulty equipment or software and attempt to pay unclaimed winnings to players.

Requires Oregon State Lottery to make biennial estimate of amount of winnings remaining unclaimed due to [error, malfunction or failure] systemwide event. Allocates amount equal to such estimate to Problem Gambling Treatment Fund.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to unclaimed lottery winnings; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 413.522.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

- <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) If the Oregon State Lottery receives notice of a systemwide event that causes prizes from winning tickets or shares to remain unclaimed:
- (a) The Oregon State Lottery shall, as soon as practicable, stop use of any faulty equipment or software until the systemwide event is resolved; and
- (b) The Oregon State Lottery shall make all reasonable efforts to identify and pay prizes to players whose prizes from winning tickets or shares are unclaimed as a result of the systemwide event.
- (2) On or before January 31 of each odd-numbered year, the Oregon State Lottery shall estimate the total monetary value of prizes that were unclaimed in the previous two calendar years as a result of a systemwide event described in subsection (1) of this section and that were not paid under subsection (1)(b) of this section. The Oregon State Lottery shall report the estimate to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and to the Legislative Fiscal Officer.
- (3) In each biennium, there is allocated from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to the Problem Gambling Treatment Fund established by ORS 413.522 an amount equal to the estimate made under subsection (2) of this section for the two calendar years immediately preceding the year in which the biennium begins.

SECTION 2. ORS 413.522 is amended to read:

413.522. (1) There is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund, the Problem Gambling Treatment Fund. All moneys in the Problem Gambling Treatment Fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority to be expended for programs for the prevention and treatment of gambling addiction and other emotional and behavioral problems related to gambling and for the administration of the programs.

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1 (2) The Problem Gambling Treatment Fund shall consist of:
2 (a) The net proceeds from the Oregon State Lottery allocated to the fund under ORS 461.549
3 and section 1 of this 2019 Act;
4 (b) Moneys appropriated to the fund by the Legislative Assembly; and
5 (c) Interest earnings on moneys in the fund.

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