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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN
9 GAMBLING DISORDER PREVENTION, TREATMENT, COUNSELING,
10 AND EDUCATION; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR PROGRAMS AND
15 SERVICES IN GAMBLING DISORDER PREVENTION,
16 TREATMENT, COUNSELING, AND EDUCATION; AND
17 TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 19-6-201(55), concerning electronic games
24 of skill privilege fees and fees, penalties, and fines received by the
25 Arkansas Racing Commission, is amended to read as follows:

26 (55) With the exception of electronic games of skill privilege
27 fees set aside as special revenue by § 19-6-301(255), ~~Electronic~~ electronic
28 games of skill privilege fees and all permit or license fees, penalties, and
29 fines received by the Arkansas Racing Commission, § 23-113-604;
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 19-6-301, concerning special revenues, is
32 amended to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:

33 (255) The first six million dollars (\$6,000,000) of electronic
34 games of skill privilege fees paid to the Department of Finance and
35 Administration under § 23-113-501; and

36 (256) Six million dollars (\$6,000,000) of lottery proceeds under



1 § 23-115-412.

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3 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 6, Subchapter 8, is amended
4 to add an additional section to read as follows:

5 19-6-833. Gambling Disorder Fund.

6 (a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the
7 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a special revenue
8 fund to be known as the "Gambling Disorder Fund".

9 (b)(1) The following shall be deposited to the credit of the fund as
10 special revenues:

11 (A) The first six million dollars (\$6,000,000) of
12 electronic games of skill privilege fees paid to the Department of Finance
13 and Administration under § 23-113-501; and

14 (B) Six million dollars (\$6,000,000) of lottery proceeds
15 under § 23-115-412.

16 (2) The fund also shall consist of any other revenues as may be
17 authorized by law.

18 (c) The fund shall be used by the Department of Health to provide
19 grants to public entities and nonprofit private entities for gambling
20 disorder prevention, treatment, counseling, and education.

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22 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 76, Subchapter 1, is
23 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 20-76-114. Grants for programs and services in gambling disorder
25 prevention, treatment, counseling, and education.

26 (a) As used in this section, "gambling disorder" means the same as
27 described in the 2013 Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

28 (b)(1) The Department of Health shall provide grants to public
29 entities and nonprofit private entities for programs and services in gambling
30 disorder prevention, treatment, counseling, and education.

31 (2) A program or service in gambling disorder prevention,
32 treatment, counseling, and education under subdivision (b)(1) of this section
33 may include:

34 (A) Mental health and substance abuse prevention,
35 treatment, counseling, and education; and

36 (B) A toll-free helpline telephone number that provides

1 information and referral services concerning gambling disorders.

2 (c) The programs and services under this section shall be provided to
3 the public free of charge.

4 (d) The department may promulgate rules for the administration and
5 distribution of grants provided under this section.

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7 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 23-113-604(a), concerning privilege fees
8 received by the Department of Finance and Administration, is amended to read
9 as follows:

10 (a)(1) Except for the special revenues identified in § 19-6-301(255),
11 All all privilege fees received by the Director of the Department of Finance
12 and Administration under this chapter for the benefit of the state shall be
13 deposited into the State Treasury as general revenues.

14 (2) The Treasurer of State shall deposit the special revenues
15 identified in § 19-6-301(255) into the Gambling Disorder Fund.

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17 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 23-115-103(22)(F), concerning the
18 definition of "operating expenses" of the Office of the Arkansas Lottery, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 (F) Funds for ~~compulsive gambling education and treatment~~
21 programs and services in gambling disorder prevention, treatment, counseling,
22 and education under § 20-76-114;

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24 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 115, Subchapter 4, is
25 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 23-115-412. Funds for gambling disorder prevention, treatment,
27 counseling, and education.

28 (a) Annually, the Office of the Arkansas Lottery shall deposit into
29 the State Treasury as special revenues six million dollars (\$6,000,000) to be
30 used for programs and services in gambling disorder prevention, treatment,
31 counseling, and education under § 20-76-114.

32 (b) The Treasurer of State shall deposit the special revenues under
33 subsection (a) of this section into the Gambling Disorder Fund.

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35 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
36 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that many residents of this state

1 suffer from issues related to gambling disorders; that the provision of
2 grants for programs and services related to gambling disorders would provide
3 a means to address these issues; and that this act is immediately necessary
4 to protect the health and well-being of these residents. Therefore, an
5 emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for
6 the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become
7 effective on:

8 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

9 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
10 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
11 bill; or

12 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
13 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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