
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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STAATS, THOMAS AND WARD, MARCH 10, 2016

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAMING OVERSIGHT, MARCH 10, 2016

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in administration and enforcement, further
3 providing for compulsive and problem gambling program.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 1509(a.1)(1) and (c)(1) and (2) of Title
7 4 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:
8 § 1509. Compulsive and problem gambling program.

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10 (a.1) Duties of Department of Health.--From funds available
11 in the Compulsive and Problem Gambling Treatment Fund, the
12 Department of Health shall:

13 (1) Maintain [a] one compulsive gamblers assistance
14 organization's toll-free problem gambling telephone number to
15 provide crisis counseling and referral services to
16 individuals and families experiencing difficulty as a result
17 of problem or compulsive gambling.

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2 (c) Notice of availability of assistance.--

3 (1) Each slot machine licensee shall [obtain a] use the
4 toll-free telephone number [to be used] established by the
5 Department of Health in subsection (a.1)(1) to provide
6 persons with information on assistance for compulsive or
7 problem gambling. Each licensee shall conspicuously post at
8 least 20 signs similar to the following statement:

9 If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help
10 is available. Call (Toll-free telephone number).

11 The signs must be posted within 50 feet of each entrance and
12 exit, within 50 feet of each automated teller machine
13 location within the licensed facility and in other
14 appropriate public areas of the licensed facility as
15 determined by the slot machine licensee.

16 (2) Each racetrack where slot machines or table games
17 are operated shall print a statement on daily racing programs
18 provided to the general public that is similar to the
19 following:

20 If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help
21 is available. Call (Toll-free telephone number).

22 The toll-free telephone number shall be the same telephone
23 number established by the Department of Health under
24 subsection (a.1)(1).

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26 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.