

Senate Bill 483

Sponsored by Senator GELSER (Pre-session 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 **as introduced**.

Requires Oregon State Lottery, in event of error, malfunction or failure 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. Allocates amount equal to such estimate to Problem Gambling Treatment Fund.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) If the Oregon State Lottery receives notice of any error, malfunction or**
4 **failure of equipment or software that causes or could cause prizes from winning tickets or**
5 **shares to remain unclaimed:**

6 (a) **The Oregon State Lottery shall, as soon as practicable, stop use of the equipment or**
7 **software until the error, malfunction or failure is resolved; and**

8 (b) **The Oregon State Lottery shall make all reasonable efforts to identify and pay prizes**
9 **to players whose prizes from winning tickets or shares are unclaimed as a result of the er-**
10 **ror, malfunction or failure.**

11 (2) **On or before January 31 of each odd-numbered year, the Oregon State Lottery shall**
12 **estimate the total monetary value of prizes that were unclaimed in the previous two calendar**
13 **years as a result of an error, malfunction or failure described in subsection (1) of this section**
14 **and that were not paid under subsection (1)(b) of this section. The Oregon State Lottery shall**
15 **report the estimate to the State Treasurer and to the Legislative Fiscal Officer.**

16 (3) **In each biennium, there is allocated from the Administrative Services Economic De-**
17 **velopment Fund to the Problem Gambling Treatment Fund established by ORS 413.522 an**
18 **amount equal to the estimate made under subsection (2) of this section for the two calendar**
19 **years immediately preceding the year in which the biennium begins.**

20 **SECTION 2. ORS 413.522 is amended to read:**

21 413.522. (1) There is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General
22 Fund, the Problem Gambling Treatment Fund. All moneys in the Problem Gambling Treatment Fund
23 are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority to be expended for programs for the
24 prevention and treatment of gambling addiction and other emotional and behavioral problems re-
25 lated to gambling and for the administration of the programs.

26 (2) The Problem Gambling Treatment Fund shall consist of:

27 (a) The net proceeds from the Oregon State Lottery allocated to the fund under ORS 461.549
28 **and section 1 of this 2019 Act;**
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- 1 (b) Moneys appropriated to the fund by the Legislative Assembly; and
- 2 (c) Interest earnings on moneys in the fund.
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