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HOUSE BILL 267

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT; CREATING THE COMPULSIVE  
GAMBLING COUNCIL; PRESCRIBING DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Department of Health Act  
is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] COMPULSIVE GAMBLING COUNCIL--DUTIES--  
MEMBERSHIP.--

A. The "compulsive gambling council" is created.  
The council is administratively attached to the department  
pursuant to the Executive Reorganization Act. The council  
consists of the following fifteen members, all of whom shall be  
appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor:

(1) the secretary or the secretary's designee,  
who shall serve as chair of the council;

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- 1 (2) a member of the governor's staff;
- 2 (3) a member of the gaming control board;
- 3 (4) a member of the board of directors of the
- 4 New Mexico lottery authority;
- 5 (5) a member of a fraternal organization that
- 6 sponsors gambling;
- 7 (6) two persons with expertise in the field of
- 8 compulsive gambling;
- 9 (7) two Native American representatives from a
- 10 tribe or pueblo with gaming operations;
- 11 (8) two representatives of the non-Native
- 12 American gaming industry;
- 13 (9) two representatives from the behavioral
- 14 health profession; and
- 15 (10) two representatives from the general
- 16 public.

17 B. The council shall meet regularly and at the call  
18 of the chair.

19 C. A majority of the council constitutes a quorum.

20 D. Council members shall serve voluntarily and  
21 shall receive no per diem for their services or travel  
22 expenses.

23 E. The council shall:

24 (1) develop and implement a New Mexico  
25 strategic prevention and treatment of compulsive gambling plan;

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1 (2) recommend to the department compulsive  
2 gambling prevention and treatment standards;

3 (3) collaborate with the appropriate state  
4 agencies to link compulsive gambling data collection and  
5 referral information to crisis response hotlines or youth and  
6 domestic violence initiatives;

7 (4) collaborate with the department to improve  
8 data collection regarding gambling-related suicide,  
9 bankruptcies and domestic violence;

10 (5) collaborate with the department and the  
11 aging and long-term services department to educate New Mexico  
12 seniors through prevention training and materials regarding the  
13 recognition and treatment of compulsive gambling problems; and

14 (6) develop and recommend to the governor a  
15 voluntary self-exclusion program.

16 F. Beginning in 2008, the council shall submit an  
17 annual report to the governor and the appropriate legislative  
18 interim committee reporting the key findings and progress on  
19 implementation of the New Mexico strategic prevention and  
20 treatment of compulsive gambling plan.

21 G. Two copies of the annual report shall be filed  
22 with the legislative council service library annually beginning  
23 in August 2008."