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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES,
TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING

Introduced By: Representatives O'Brien, Alzate, Cardillo, Kazarian, Hawkins, and
Caldwell

Date Introduced: February 09, 2022

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-61.2-14 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-61.2 entitled "Video
2 Lottery Games, Table Games and Sports Wagering" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-61.2-14. Compulsive and problem gambling programs.**

4 The Division and the state acknowledge that the vast majority of gaming patrons can enjoy
5 gambling games responsibly, but that there are certain societal costs associated with gaming by
6 some individuals who have problems handling the product or services provided. The Division and
7 the State further understand that it is their duty to act responsibly toward those who cannot
8 participate conscientiously in gaming. Pursuant to the foregoing, Twin River and Twin River-
9 Tiverton, in cooperation with the State, shall offer compulsive and problem gambling programs
10 that include, but are not limited to (a) Problem gambling awareness programs for employees; (b)
11 Player self-exclusion program; and (c) Promotion of a problem gambling hotline. Twin River and
12 Twin River-Tiverton shall modify their existing compulsive and problem-gambling programs to
13 include table games and sports wagering to the extent such games are authorized at such facilities.
14 Twin River and Twin River-Tiverton shall reimburse and pay to the Division no less than two
15 hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) in aggregate annually for compulsive and problem gambling
16 programs established by the Division. The contribution from each facility shall be determined by
17 the Division. [A person who is prohibited from gaming in a gaming establishment due to the player
18 self-exclusion program shall not collect any winnings or recover losses arising as a result of](#)

1 prohibited gaming activity by said person. Winnings from self-excluded person, after the deduction
2 of taxes and other applicable withholdings, shall be forfeited to the division. The division shall
3 forward such forfeited winnings, up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) per year to
4 the Rhode Island Council on problem gambling for its use for research, education and prevention
5 of teenage gambling addiction, with the balance to be transferred by the division to the general
6 fund.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would provide procedures to prevent gaming patrons prohibited from gaming in a
2 gaming establishment from collecting winnings, or recovering losses and would provide that any
3 winnings achieved, after taxes, be forfeited to the division with the forfeited winnings being
4 forwarded to the Rhode Island Council on Problem Gambling up to \$150,000.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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