

**ACPG LEGISLATIVE WORKGROUP**  
**PROPOSED STATUTORY CHANGES TO THE ACPG AND PROBLEM GAMBLING FUND**  
**Presented to the Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling, May 19, 2016**

**I. COMMITTEE MAKEUP**

**Current Statute**

**NRS 458A.060 Creation of ACPG; regular members and alternate members; terms of members; compensation; quorum; members holding public office or employed by governmental entity; duties.**

1. The Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling, consisting of nine regular members, is hereby created within the Department.
2. The Governor shall appoint the following regular members to the Advisory Committee:
  - (a) One regular member who holds a restricted gaming license;
  - (b) Two regular members who hold nonrestricted gaming licenses;
  - (c) Two regular members who work in the area of mental health, at least one of whom has experience in the treatment of persons who are problem gamblers;
  - (d) One regular member who represents the Nevada System of Higher Education and has experience in the prevention or treatment of problem gambling;
  - (e) One regular member who represents an organization for veterans; and
  - (f) Two regular members who represent organizations that provide assistance to persons who are problem gamblers.

**Recommended Changes**

2. The Governor shall appoint the following regular members to the Advisory Committee:
  - (a) One regular member who holds a restricted gaming license or represents an association that represents restricted gaming licensees;
  - (b) Two regular members from a list of nominees provided by the State Association of Gaming Establishments whose members collectively paid the most gross revenue fees to the State pursuant to NRS 463.370 in the preceding year;
  - (c) Two regular members who work in the area of mental health or addictions and who are certified as problem gambling counselors pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 641C of NRS.
  - (d) One regular member who represents an organization that promotes awareness and provides assistance to persons who are affected by problem gambling;
  - (e) Three other members who are Nevada residents, who have personal and/or professional knowledge and experience that in the discretion of the Governor can contribute meaningfully to the Advisory Committee regarding current problem gambling issues and related concerns, including but not limited to personal recovery, at-risk populations, needs assessment, research, and supportive services.

## II. DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

### Current Statute

#### **NRS 458A.070 Additional duties. The Advisory Committee shall:**

1. Review each request received by the Department from a state agency or other political subdivision of the State or from an organization or educational institution for a grant of money or a contract for services to provide programs for the prevention and treatment of problem gambling or to provide services related to the development of data, the assessment of needs, the performance of evaluations or technical assistance;
2. Recommend to the Director each request received pursuant to subsection 1 that the Advisory Committee believes should be awarded;
3. Establish criteria for determining which state agencies and other political subdivisions of the State and organizations and educational institutions to recommend for grants of money or contracts for services pursuant to subsection 2;
4. Monitor each grant of money awarded by the Department to provide programs for the prevention and treatment of problem gambling or to provide services related to the development of data, the assessment of needs, the performance of evaluations or technical assistance; and
5. Assist the Department in determining the needs of local communities and in establishing priorities for funding programs for the prevention and treatment of problem gambling and funding services related to the development of data, the assessment of needs, the performance of evaluations or technical assistance.

### Recommended Changes

#### **NRS 458A.070 Additional duties. The Advisory Committee shall:**

1. Provide advice, information or opinion to the Governor, the legislature, the Department, or other state agencies on issues or trends in the field of problem gambling. ~~to assist:~~
  - (a) ~~To assist~~ in establishing priorities and criteria for funding programs and services for the prevention and treatment of problem gambling;
  - (b) To provide services related to the development of data, the assessment of needs, the performance of evaluations or technical assistance; or
  - (c) In consideration of additions or modifications to statutes, regulation or public policy.
2. Review recommendations made by the Department for the grant of money or the contract for services to provide programs for the prevention and treatment of problem gambling.
3. Recommend to the Director whether any changes should be made to recommendations made by the Department pursuant to subsection 2 that the Advisory Committee believes should be awarded.
4. Review outcome and evaluation reports compiled by the Department for each funded program and service for the prevention and treatment of problem gambling, and funded services related to the development of data, the assessment of needs, the performance of evaluations or technical assistance.

### **III. APPOINTMENT OF GROUPS**

#### **Current Statute**

#### **NRS 458.A080 Appointment of groups to consider specific problems and review requests for grants or contracts.**

The Chair of the Advisory Committee may appoint groups consisting of members of the Advisory Committee, former members of the Advisory Committee and members of the public who have appropriate experience or knowledge to:

1. Consider specific problems or other matters that are related to and within the scope of activities of the Advisory Committee; and
2. Review requests for grants of money or contracts for services related to specific programs for the prevention and treatment of problem gambling or services related to the development of data, the assessment of needs, the performance of evaluations or technical assistance.

#### **Recommended Changes**

#### **NRS 458.A080 Appointment of groups to consider specific issues and other matters related to problem gambling.**

The Chair of the Advisory Committee may appoint groups consisting of members of the Advisory Committee, former members of the Advisory Committee and members of the public who have appropriate experience or knowledge to:

1. Consider specific issues and policy matters related to prevalence, impact, and prevention and treatment of problem gambling, within the scope of the duties of the Advisory Committee; and
2. Assist in research, development, and recommendation of strategic plans to advance the funding and delivery of comprehensive programs and services for the prevention and treatment of problem gambling.

#### **IV. FUNDING FORMULA**

##### **NRS 463.320(2)(e) Licensing and Control of Gaming – Collection and Disposition of State Fees for Licenses and Penalties.**

###### **Current Statute**

- (e) The Commission shall deposit quarterly in the Revolving Account to Support Programs for the Prevention and Treatment of Problem Gambling created by NRS 458A.090 an amount equal to \$2 for each slot machine that is subject to the license fee imposed pursuant to NRS 463.373 and 463.375 and collected by the Commission.

###### **Proposed Language**

- (e) The Commission shall deposit quarterly in the Revolving Account to Support Programs for the Prevention and Treatment of Problem Gambling created by NRS 458A.090 an amount (equal to / no less than) \$XXX, which amount shall be increased by a percentage annually equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index for West Urban Consumers for the preceding year.