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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156),  
2 entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the licensing of  
3 eligible organizations to conduct games of chance, for the  
4 licensing of persons to distribute games of chance, for the  
5 registration of manufacturers of games of chance, and for  
6 suspensions and revocations of licenses and permits;  
7 requiring records; providing for local referendum by  
8 electorate; and prescribing penalties," in tavern gaming,  
9 further providing for tavern games tax and providing for  
10 compulsive and problem gambling notice of availability of  
11 assistance; and imposing penalties.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Section 909.1(j) of the act of December 19, 1988  
15 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of  
16 Chance Act, is amended and the section is amended by adding  
17 subsections to read:

18 Section 909.1. Tavern games tax.

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20 (j) Deposit.--[Beginning] Except as provided in subsections  
21 (k) and (l), beginning in fiscal year [2013-2014] 2017-2018, the  
22 total amount of taxes imposed by this section shall be deposited

1 in the General Fund.

2 (k) Transfer for compulsive and problem gambling  
3 treatment.--Beginning on the first business day of January 2018  
4 and annually thereafter, the sum of \$300,000 or an amount equal  
5 to .002 multiplied by the total amount of taxes imposed by this  
6 section, whichever is greater, shall be transferred from the  
7 General Fund to the Compulsive and Problem Gambling Treatment  
8 Fund established under 4 Pa.C.S. § 1509(b) (relating to  
9 compulsive and problem gambling program).

10 (l) Grants.--The money transferred to the Compulsive and  
11 Problem Gambling Treatment Fund in accordance with subsection  
12 (k) shall be used for grants to single county authorities  
13 created under the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.221, No.63), known  
14 as the Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Act, for the  
15 purpose of providing compulsive gambling and gambling addiction  
16 prevention, treatment and education programs as provided under 4  
17 Pa.C.S. § 1509(d) and shall not be appropriated, allocated,  
18 expended or otherwise used for any other purpose unless  
19 authorized by the General Assembly.

20 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:  
21 Section 912.1. Compulsive and problem gambling notice of  
22 availability of assistance.

23 (a) Notice.--Each tavern gaming licensee shall contact the  
24 Department of Health to obtain a toll-free telephone number and  
25 information from the Department of Health's Office of Compulsive  
26 and Problem Gambling to be used to provide persons with  
27 information on assistance for compulsive or problem gambling.  
28 Each licensee shall conspicuously post at least five signs  
29 similar to the following statement:

30 If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help

1 is available. Call (toll-free telephone number).  
2 The signs shall be posted within 25 feet of each entrance and  
3 exit, within 25 feet of each automated teller machine location  
4 within the restaurant or tavern and in other appropriate areas  
5 of the restaurant or tavern.

6 (b) Fine.--A licensee which fails to post or print the signs  
7 in accordance with subsection (a) shall be assessed a fine of  
8 \$100 per day for each day the minimum number of signs are not  
9 posted or the required statement is not printed as provided in  
10 subsection (a). The fines shall be distributed into the  
11 Compulsive and Problem Gambling Treatment Fund established under  
12 4 Pa.C.S. § 1509(b) (relating to compulsive and problem gambling  
13 program).

14 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.