

Senate Bill 914

Sponsored by Senator GELSER BLOUIN

SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act requires billboards for the state lottery to have a phone number for problem gambling help. (Flesch Readability Score: 70.1).

Requires that certain billboards related to the state lottery include information about a problem gambling helpline.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to problem gambling; amending ORS 461.220.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 461.220 is amended to read:

5 461.220. (1) Upon recommendation of the Director of the Oregon State Lottery, the Oregon State
6 Lottery Commission shall adopt rules that specify the number and value of prizes for winning tickets
7 or shares in each lottery game including, without limitation, cash prizes, merchandise prizes, prizes
8 consisting of deferred payments or annuities and prizes of tickets or shares in the same lottery game
9 or other lottery games conducted by the Oregon State Lottery.

10 (2) In each lottery game utilizing tickets, the following information shall be printed on each
11 ticket:

12 (a) A close approximation of the odds of winning some prize or some cash prize, as appropriate
13 for the lottery game.

14 (b) An approximation of a payout percentage that will be returned to players in the form of
15 prizes for the lottery game. For online games, the approximation may be based on the average
16 payout percentage over several prior years.

17 (c) The statement that "Lottery games are based on chance, should be played for entertainment
18 only and should not be played for investment purposes."

19 (3) A detailed tabulation of the estimated number of prizes of each particular prize denomination
20 that are expected to be awarded in each lottery game and the close approximation of the odds of
21 winning such prizes shall be available at each location at which tickets or shares in such lottery
22 games are offered for sale to the public.

23 (4) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the commission may specify by rule the num-
24 ber and value of prizes for lottery games that use video devices or that use tickets or shares that
25 allow a player to manually reveal covered play symbols, or the commission may make such infor-
26 mation available at each location that offers such games using video devices, tickets or shares for
27 sale to the public.

28 (5) All television, radio and newspaper advertising of a lottery game shall include a disclaimer
29 representing a close approximation of the odds of winning some prize and an approximation of the
30 amount that will be returned to the players in the form of prizes for the game in the following

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 words: “The odds of winning some prize are one in (some number). The prize payout percentage is
2 (some number).” where the numbers stated represent a close approximation of the odds of winning
3 some prize and the prize payout percentage. However, this subsection does not apply to advertising
4 the purpose of which is to advertise the location where tickets may be purchased or to provide in-
5 formation about the winners.

6 (6) All television, radio and newspaper advertising of lottery games funded by the lottery com-
7 mission, including advertising that is intended to indicate where tickets may be purchased or to
8 provide information about prize winners, shall include the disclaimer that “Lottery games are based
9 on chance, should be played for entertainment only and should not be played for investment pur-
10 poses.”

11 (7) All television, radio and newspaper advertising intended to publicize projects or programs
12 funded by lottery dollars shall include the disclaimer that “Lottery games are based on chance and
13 should be played for entertainment only.” However, this subsection does not apply to any such ad-
14 vertising that has the sole purpose of educating the public about gambling addiction or available
15 treatments.

16 (8) All billboard advertising intended to promote a lottery game, to indicate where tickets may
17 be purchased or to provide information about prize winners shall include:

18 (a) The disclaimer that “Lottery games should not be played for investment purposes[.]”; **and**

19 (b) **The following statement or a substantially similar statement: “Need help with prob-
20 lem gambling? Call or text” followed by the phone number of a problem gambling helpline.**

21 (9) All billboard advertising intended to publicize projects or programs funded by lottery dollars
22 shall include:

23 (a) The disclaimer that “Lottery games should be played for entertainment only[.]”; **and**

24 (b) **The statement described in subsection (8)(b) of this section.**

25 (10) A disclaimer **or statement** required by this section to be included in a written advertise-
26 ment shall be of a size and in a form that allows an individual to readily notice and read the
27 statement. A disclaimer required by this section to be included in a television or radio advertisement
28 shall be spoken aloud and, in the case of television, must also be displayed visually in a form that
29 allows an individual to readily notice and read the statement.

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