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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor
April 2, 2007
Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:
To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

A bill for an act
relating to gambling; appropriating money for compulsive gambling.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

(a) $225,000 in fiscal year 2007 and $225,000 in fiscal year 2008 are appropriated from the lottery prize fund to the commissioner of human services for a grant to the state affiliate recognized by the National Council on Problem Gambling. The affiliate must provide services to increase public awareness of problem gambling, education, and training for individuals and organizations providing effective treatment services to problem gamblers and their families, and research relating to problem gambling. These services must be complimentary to and not duplicative of the services provided through the problem gambling program administered by the commissioner of human services. This grant does not prevent the commissioner from regular monitoring and oversight of the grant or the ability to reallocate the funds to other services within the problem gambling program for nonperformance of duties by the grantee. Of this appropriation, $100,000 in fiscal year 2007 and $100,000 in fiscal year 2008 are contingent on the contribution of nonstate matching funds. Matching funds may be either cash or qualifying in-kind contributions. The commissioner of finance may disburse the state portion of the matching funds in increments of $25,000 upon receipt of a commitment for an equal amount of matching nonstate funds. These are onetime appropriations.

(b) $100,000 in fiscal year 2007 is appropriated from the lottery prize fund to the commissioner of human services for a grant or grants to be awarded competitively to develop programs and services for problem gambling treatment, prevention, and education in immigrant communities. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2009,

at which time the project must be completed and final products delivered, unless an earlier completion date is specified in the work program.