

135.150 Gambling treatment fund program standards and licensing.

1. A gambling treatment fund is created in the state treasury under the control of the department. The fund consists of all moneys appropriated to the fund. However, if moneys appropriated to the fund in a fiscal year exceed six million dollars, the amount exceeding six million dollars shall be transferred to the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund created in section 8.57. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department for the purposes described in this section.

2. *a.* Moneys appropriated to the department under this section shall be for the purpose of operating a gambling treatment program and shall be used for funding of administrative costs and to provide programs which may include, but are not limited to, outpatient and follow-up treatment for persons affected by problem gambling, rehabilitation and residential treatment programs, information and referral services, crisis call access, education and preventive services, and financial management and credit counseling services.

b. A person shall not maintain or conduct a gambling treatment program funded under this section unless the person has obtained a license for the program from the department. The department shall adopt rules to establish standards for the licensing and operation of gambling treatment programs under this section. The rules shall specify, but are not limited to specifying, the qualifications for persons providing gambling treatment services, standards for the organization and administration of gambling treatment programs, and a mechanism to monitor compliance with this section and the rules adopted under this section.

3. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys deposited in the gambling treatment fund shall be credited to the gambling treatment fund. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys credited to the gambling treatment fund shall not revert to the fund from which appropriated at the close of a fiscal year.

4. The department shall report semiannually to the legislative government oversight committees regarding the operation of the gambling treatment fund and program. The report shall include, but is not limited to, information on revenues and expenses related to the fund for the previous period, fund balances for the period, and moneys expended and grants awarded for operation of the gambling treatment program.

2004 Acts, ch 1136, §55; 2005 Acts, ch 175, §77

Use of moneys in fund for benefit of persons with addictions; 2006 Acts, ch 1184, §4