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AN ACT

To repeal sections 313.813 and 313.842, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the compulsive gamblers fund.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 313.813 and 313.842, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 313.813 and 313.842, to read as follows:

313.813. **1.** The commission may promulgate rules allowing a person that is a problem
2 gambler to voluntarily exclude him/herself from an excursion gambling boat. Any person that
3 has been self-excluded is guilty of trespassing in the first degree pursuant to section 569.140,
4 RSMo, if such person enters an excursion gambling boat.

5 **2. Anytime a person who has voluntarily excluded himself or herself from an**
6 **excursion gambling boat under subsection 1 of this section and who thereafter**
7 **surreptitiously enters an excursion gambling boat, illegally places a wager, and wins a**
8 **jackpot, the excursion gambling boat shall deposit the money from such jackpot into the**
9 **compulsive gamblers fund created in section 313.842, to be used for prevention, treatment,**
10 **and education of problem gamblers.**

313.842. There may be established programs which shall provide treatment, prevention
2 and education services for compulsive gambling. As used in this section, "compulsive
3 gambling" means a condition suffered by a person who is chronically and progressively
4 preoccupied with gambling and the urge to gamble. Subject to appropriation, such programs
5 shall be funded from the one-cent admission fee authorized pursuant to section 313.820, **any**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

6 **moneys deposited by excursion gambling boats under section 313.813**, and in addition, may
7 be funded from the taxes collected and distributed to any city or county under section 313.822.
8 Such moneys shall be submitted to the state and credited to the "Compulsive Gamblers Fund",
9 which is hereby established within the department of mental health. Notwithstanding the
10 provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary, moneys in the fund at the end of any
11 biennium shall not be transferred to the credit of the general revenue fund. The department of
12 mental health shall administer programs, either directly or by contract, for compulsive gamblers.
13 The commission may administer programs to educate the public about problem gambling and
14 promote treatment programs offered by the department of mental health. In addition, the
15 commission shall administer the voluntary exclusion program for problem gamblers authorized
16 by section [313.833] **313.813**.

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