

109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6009

To address problem gambling.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2006

Mr. MEEHAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Comprehensive Aware-
5 ness of Problem Gambling Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC AWARENESS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
8 Human Services shall carry out a national campaign to
9 increase knowledge and raise awareness with respect to
10 problem gambling issues within the general public, includ-
11 ing supporting and augmenting existing national cam-

1 paigns and the production and placement of public service
2 announcements.

3 (b) VOLUNTARY DONATIONS.—In carrying out sub-
4 section (a), the Secretary of Health and Human Services
5 shall—

6 (1) administer and coordinate the voluntary do-
7 nation of resources to assist in the implementation
8 of new programs and the augmentation of existing
9 national campaigns to provide national strategies for
10 dissemination of information intended to address
11 problem gambling from—

12 (A) the television, radio, motion picture,
13 cable communications, and print media;

14 (B) the advertising industry;

15 (C) the business sector of the United
16 States; and

17 (D) professional sports organizations and
18 associations; and

19 (2) encourage media outlets throughout the
20 country to provide information aimed at preventing
21 problem gambling, including public service an-
22 nouncements, documentary films, and advertise-
23 ments.

24 (c) FOCUS.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Sec-
25 retary of Health and Human Services shall target radio

1 and television audiences of sporting events and of gam-
2 bling.

3 (d) EVALUATION.—In carrying out subsection (a),
4 the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall evalu-
5 ate and report to the President and to Congress on the
6 effectiveness of activities under this section.

7 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
8 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized
9 to be appropriated \$200,000 for each of the fiscal years
10 2007 through 2011.

11 **SEC. 3. RESEARCH.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall establish and
13 implement a national program of research on problem
14 gambling.

15 (b) COORDINATION.—In carrying out this section, the
16 President shall appoint an advisory commission, including
17 individuals not currently employed by the Federal Govern-
18 ment, to coordinate the activities of Federal agencies relat-
19 ing to research on problem gambling, including the activi-
20 ties of the National Institutes of Health, the National
21 Science Foundation, the National Justice Institute, the
22 Bureau of Justice Statistics, and the Substance Abuse and
23 Mental Health Services Administration.

24 (c) NATIONAL GAMBLING IMPACT STUDY COMMIS-
25 SION REPORT.—In carrying out this section, the President

1 shall consider the recommendations that appear in chapter
2 8 of the June 18, 1999, report of the National Gambling
3 Impact Study Commission.

4 (d) TREATMENT IMPROVEMENT PROTOCOL.—In car-
5 rying out this section, the President, acting through the
6 Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health
7 Services Administration, shall develop a Treatment Im-
8 provement Protocol specific to problem gambling.

9 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
10 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized
11 to be appropriated \$4,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
12 2007 through 2011.

13 **SEC. 4. GRANT PROGRAM FOR TREATMENT.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
15 Human Services may make grants to States, local govern-
16 ments, and non-profit agencies to provide comprehensive
17 services with respect to treatment and prevention of prob-
18 lem gambling issues and education about problem gam-
19 bling issues.

20 (b) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—A grant may be
21 made under subsection (a) only if an application for the
22 grant is submitted to the Secretary and the application
23 is in such form, is made in such manner, and contains
24 such agreements, assurances, and information as the Sec-
25 retary determines to be necessary to carry out this section.

1 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
2 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized
3 to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
4 2007 through 2011.

5 **SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

6 It is the sense of the Congress that every State should
7 contribute a percentage of its revenue from gambling to-
8 wards prevention and treatment of problem gambling and
9 towards research services and education about problem
10 gambling.

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