

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 654

Introduced by Assembly Member Hall

February 21, 2013

An act to amend Section 12012.85 of the Government Code, relating to gaming.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 654, as introduced, Hall. Tribal gaming.

Existing law permits specified federally recognized Indian tribes to conduct gaming on Indian lands in California pursuant to compacts negotiated by the Governor and ratified by the Legislature. Existing law creates the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund for the receipt of moneys received by the state from the tribes conducting gaming according to the terms established by the compacts, which moneys are available for appropriation by the Legislature for specified purposes.

This bill would make nonsubstantive, technical changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 12012.85 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:
3 12012.85. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a fund
4 called the "Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund" for the
5 receipt and deposit of moneys received by the state from Indian
6 tribes pursuant to the terms of tribal-state gaming compacts. These

1 moneys shall be available for appropriation by the Legislature for
 2 the following purposes:

3 (a) Grants, including any administrative costs, for programs
 4 designed to address gambling addiction.

5 (b) Grants, including any administrative costs, for the support
 6 of state and local government agencies impacted by tribal
 7 government gaming.

8 (c) Compensation for regulatory costs incurred by the State
 9 Gaming Agency and the Department of Justice in connection with
 10 ~~the implementation and administration of~~ *implementing and*
 11 *administering* tribal-state gaming compacts.

12 (d) Payment of shortfalls that may occur in the Indian Gaming
 13 Revenue Sharing Trust Fund. This shall be the priority use of
 14 moneys in the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund.

15 (e) Disbursements for the purpose of implementing the terms
 16 of tribal labor relations ordinances promulgated in accordance with
 17 the terms of tribal-state gaming compacts ratified pursuant to
 18 Chapter 874 of the Statutes of 1999. No more than 10 percent of
 19 the funds appropriated in the Budget Act of 2000 for
 20 implementation of tribal labor relations ordinances promulgated
 21 in accordance with those compacts shall be expended in the
 22 selection of the Tribal Labor Panel. The Department of Human
 23 Resources shall consult with and seek input from the parties prior
 24 to any expenditure for purposes of selecting the Tribal Labor Panel.
 25 Other than the cost of selecting the Tribal Labor Panel, there shall
 26 be no further disbursements until the Tribal Labor Panel, which
 27 is selected by mutual agreement of the parties, is in place.

28 (f) Any other purpose specified by law.

29 (g) Priority for funding from the Indian Gaming Special
 30 Distribution Fund is in the following descending order:

31 (1) An appropriation to the Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing
 32 Trust Fund in an aggregate amount sufficient to make payments
 33 of any shortfalls that may occur in the Indian Gaming Revenue
 34 Sharing Trust Fund.

35 (2) An appropriation to the Office of Problem and Pathological
 36 Gambling within the State Department of Alcohol and Drug
 37 Programs for problem gambling prevention programs.

38 (3) The amount appropriated in the annual Budget Act for
 39 allocation between the Department of Justice and the California

- 1 Gambling Control Commission for regulatory functions that
- 2 directly relates to Indian gaming.
- 3 (4) An appropriation for the support of local government
- 4 agencies impacted by tribal gaming.

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