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SYNOPSIS

Establishes Internet Gambling Study Commission.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** establishing an Internet Gambling Study
2 Commission.

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4 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. There is established a commission to be known as the Internet
8 Gambling Study Commission to consist of 21 members as follows:

9 a. Two members of the General Assembly, who shall not be of the
10 same political party, to be appointed by the Speaker of the General
11 Assembly, to serve during the two-year legislative session in which the
12 appointments are made;

13 b. Two members of the Senate, who shall not be of the same
14 political party, to be appointed by the Senate President, to serve
15 during the two-year legislative session in which the appointments are
16 made;

17 c. The Attorney General, ex officio, or a designated representative;

18 d. The Director of the Division of Gambling Enforcement in the
19 Department of Law and Public Safety, ex officio, or a designated
20 representative;

21 e. The Chairman of the Casino Control Commission, ex officio, or
22 a designated representative;

23 f. The Chairman of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition
24 Authority, ex officio, or a designated representative;

25 g. The Chairman of the New Jersey Lottery Commission, ex officio,
26 or a designated representative;

27 h. The Chairman of the Legalized Games of Chance Commission,
28 ex officio, or a designated representative;

29 i. The Chairman of the New Jersey Racing Commission, ex officio,
30 or a designated representative; and

31 j. Ten members to be appointed by the Governor: one of whom
32 shall be a representative of the Casino Association of New Jersey, one
33 of whom shall be a representative of the Council on Compulsive
34 Gambling of New Jersey, Inc., one of whom shall be an attorney with
35 expertise in federal and State gambling law and regulation, one of
36 whom shall be an expert in electronic commerce, one of whom shall be
37 a holder of a license to operate a casino in this State, and five members
38 of the general public who have knowledge or interest in gambling in
39 this State. No more than half of the members appointed by the
40 Governor shall be of the same political party.

41 The members of the commission shall serve without compensation,
42 but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the
43 performance of their duties, within the limits of funds appropriated or
44 otherwise made available to the commission for this purpose.

45 Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled in the
46 same manner as the original appointments.

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1 2. a. The commission shall organize within 30 days after the
2 appointment of a majority of its members and shall select a chairperson
3 and vice-chairperson from among the members. The chairperson shall
4 appoint a secretary, who need not be a member of the commission.

5 b. The commission shall meet at the call of the chairperson and
6 hold hearings at such places as the chairperson shall designate, during
7 the sessions and recesses of the Legislature. The commission shall
8 hold a public hearing as prescribed in section 4 of this joint resolution.

9 c. The commission shall be entitled to call to its assistance and
10 avail itself of the services of the employees of any State, county, or
11 municipal department, board, bureau, commission or agency, as it may
12 require and as may be available for its purposes, and to employ
13 stenographic and clerical assistance and incur traveling and other
14 miscellaneous expenses as may be necessary in order to perform its
15 duties, within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made
16 available to it for its purposes.

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18 3. The commission shall conduct a thorough and comprehensive
19 study of the current status, prevalence and growth of Internet
20 gambling; investigate the amount of money wagered through Internet
21 gambling by State residents and by citizens and residents of this nation;
22 review the extent and opportunities for gambling in the mid-Atlantic
23 region; analyze the impact of Internet gambling on the economic
24 growth and financial stability of the horse racing industry, the casinos
25 and the lottery in this State; review the means available and actions
26 taken here in this State and nationwide to control or end illegal
27 Internet gambling through law enforcement; investigate the impact on
28 this State of the legalization of Internet gambling in other States or
29 nations; and determine the appropriateness, manner and impact of
30 permitting Internet gambling in this State by law. The commission's
31 review of Internet gambling shall include a review of all forms of
32 electronic gambling including technology that allows wagers to be
33 placed through interactive television.

34 The commission shall make findings of fact, reach conclusions on
35 the future and impact of Internet gambling, and make
36 recommendations concerning the legalization of Internet gambling in
37 this State. Recommendations for legislation, if deemed appropriate,
38 shall be made to address the financial, societal and competitive impact
39 of Internet gambling in this State.

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41 4. Within six months after the commission organizes, the
42 commission shall prepare and make public an interim report outlining
43 its findings. Following the issuance of the interim report, the
44 commission shall provide at least 10 days notice to the public of the
45 time and place of a public hearing to be held to receive public
46 comment on the interim report. The commission shall prepare and

1 submit a final report, no later than one year after the commission
2 organizes, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker
3 of the General Assembly, the co-chairs of the Senate Economic
4 Growth, Agriculture and Tourism Committee or its successor and the
5 chair of the Assembly Tourism and Gaming Committee or its successor.

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7 5. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately and shall
8 expire 30 days after the commission submits its final report as
9 prescribed in section 4 of this joint resolution.

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12 STATEMENT

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14 This joint resolution establishes a 21 member Internet Gambling
15 Study Commission composed of Legislators, Executive Branch
16 officials and members of the public with expertise or interest in
17 gambling in this State. The commission will conduct a thorough and
18 comprehensive study of the current status, prevalence and growth of
19 Internet gambling; investigate the amount of money wagered through
20 Internet gambling by State residents and by citizens and residents of
21 this nation; review the extent and opportunities for gambling in the
22 mid-Atlantic region; analyze the impact of Internet gambling on the
23 economic growth and financial stability of the horse racing industry,
24 the casinos and the lottery in this State; review the means available and
25 actions taken here in this State and nationwide to control or end illegal
26 Internet gambling through law enforcement; investigate the impact on
27 this State of the legalization of Internet gambling in other States or
28 nations; and determine the appropriateness, manner and impact of
29 permitting Internet gambling in this State by law.

30 The commission is to make findings of fact, reach conclusions on
31 the future and impact of Internet gambling, and make
32 recommendations concerning the legalization of Internet gambling in
33 this State. Recommendations for legislation, if deemed appropriate,
34 are to be made to address the financial, societal and competitive
35 impact of Internet gambling in this State.

36 The commission is to make an interim report of its findings within
37 six months of organizing and submit a final report within one year with
38 its recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the
39 Speaker of the General Assembly, the co-chairs of the Senate
40 Economic Growth, Agriculture and Tourism Committee and the chair
41 of the Assembly Tourism and Gaming Committee.