

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 132

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SYNOPSIS

Urges United States Congress to oppose S.2159 and H.R.4301 which would prohibit states from authorizing and conducting Internet gaming.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging the United States Congress to
2 oppose S.2159 and H.R.4301 which would prohibit states from
3 authorizing and conducting Internet gaming.

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5 **WHEREAS**, The “Restoration of America’s Wire Act,” introduced as
6 S.2159 and H.R.4301 in the 113th Congress, would prohibit the
7 transmission by wire communication of any bet or wager or of
8 information assisting in the placement of any bet or wager,
9 including Internet gaming; and

10 **WHEREAS**, If enacted as federal law, these bills would invalidate the
11 conduct of Internet gaming in New Jersey, which was authorized by
12 law in this State in 2013 and has been lawfully implemented by
13 several Atlantic City casinos in partnership with their Internet
14 gaming affiliates under strict regulation and control by the State’s
15 Division of Gaming Enforcement; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Following its legalization in Nevada and Delaware, New
17 Jersey’s enactment and implementation of Internet gaming has
18 begun to yield benefits for the State’s economy, generating
19 employment opportunities for the State’s residents, and tax
20 revenues for the State’s coffers, and contributing to the revival of
21 Atlantic City as a gaming hub; and

22 **WHEREAS**, A federal prohibition against Internet gaming would
23 therefore directly and negatively impact New Jersey by dismantling
24 the investments that the State and the casinos have already made,
25 taking away the economic and employment opportunities already
26 realized by the State and its residents, and foreclosing the future
27 potential of Internet gaming to generate tens of millions of dollars
28 in tax revenue, create high-tech software jobs, and foster valuable
29 business ventures for Atlantic City casinos; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Passage of these measures as federal law would be
31 inimical to the interests of this State, which has been at the forefront
32 of a well-regulated casino gaming industry since the 1970s and
33 which recognizes the benefits of Internet gaming and the future
34 potential thereof; now, therefore,

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36 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New
37 Jersey:

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39 1. This House urges the United States Congress to oppose the
40 “Restoration of America’s Wire Act,” introduced as S.2159 and
41 H.R.4301 in the 113th Congress, which would prohibit the
42 transmission by wire communication of any bet or wager or of
43 information assisting in the placement of any bet or wager,
44 including Internet gaming. A federal prohibition against Internet
45 gaming would directly and negatively impact New Jersey by
46 dismantling the investments that the State and Atlantic City casinos
47 have already made to implement and regulate Internet gaming,
48 taking away the economic and employment opportunities already

1 realized by the State and its residents, and foreclosing the future
2 potential of Internet gaming to generate tens of millions of dollars
3 in tax revenue, create high-tech software jobs, and foster valuable
4 business ventures for Atlantic City casinos in this State.

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6 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
7 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the
8 President of the United States Senate, the Senate Majority Leader,
9 the Senate Minority Leader, the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives, the House Majority Leader, the House Minority
11 Leader, and to each member of Congress elected from this State.

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STATEMENT

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16 This resolution urges the United States Congress to oppose the
17 “Restoration of America’s Wire Act,” introduced in the 113th
18 Congress as S.2159 and H.R.4301. These bills would prohibit the
19 transmission by wire communication of any bet or wager or of
20 information assisting in the placement of any bet or wager,
21 including Internet gaming. If enacted as federal law, these bills
22 would invalidate New Jersey’s implementation of Internet gaming,
23 which the State authorized in 2013 to be conducted by Atlantic City
24 casinos in partnership with their Internet gaming affiliates and
25 under strict regulation and control by the State’s Division of
26 Gaming Enforcement. A federal prohibition against Internet
27 gaming would directly and negatively impact New Jersey by
28 dismantling the investments that the State and Atlantic City casinos
29 have already made to implement and regulate Internet gaming,
30 taking away the economic and employment opportunities already
31 realized by the State and its residents, and foreclosing the future
32 potential of Internet gaming to generate tens of millions of dollars
33 in tax revenue, create high-tech software jobs, and foster valuable
34 business ventures for Atlantic City casinos in this State.