

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 48

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Urges Congress to regulate Internet gambling.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to
2 regulate Internet gambling.

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4 WHEREAS, A number of studies have concluded that the proliferation
5 of legalized gambling has had a detrimental impact on society; and

6 WHEREAS, It has been shown that 5.4 million adult Americans are
7 pathological or problem gamblers and 15.4 million more adult
8 Americans are considered at-risk gamblers with a high potential for
9 becoming problem gamblers and 7.9 million adolescent Americans
10 are pathological or problem gamblers; and

11 WHEREAS, The cost of gambling is conservatively estimated at \$6
12 billion per year; and

13 WHEREAS, It has been shown that gambling is associated with
14 devastating social costs such as child abuse, domestic violence, and
15 increased crime rates; and

16 WHEREAS, Gambling may also be associated with increased health
17 care costs related to alcoholism, suicide and rehabilitation of
18 compulsive gamblers; and

19 WHEREAS, The more Americans are presented with opportunities to
20 gamble, there is a greater potential for an increase in the number of
21 problem and pathological gamblers; and

22 WHEREAS, Internet gambling provides a more convenient means of
23 participation to a greater number of people, including children who
24 would otherwise be unable to gamble; and

25 WHEREAS, The National Gambling Impact Study Commission
26 reported in 1999 that Internet gambling in particular poses serious
27 legal, economic and social concerns with which the nation is not
28 prepared to deal; and

29 WHEREAS, A widespread increase in Internet gambling, particularly
30 among children, can quickly lead to a substantial increase in the
31 many societal problems associated with gambling; now, therefore,

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33 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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35 1. The Senate respectfully urges the Congress of the United States
36 to enact legislation which would regulate Internet gambling and
37 restrict access to Internet gambling operations by minors.

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39 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the
40 President of the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof, shall be
41 transmitted to the Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of
42 the United States House of Representatives, and every member of the
43 United States Congress elected from the State of New Jersey.

