

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 64

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 4, 1996

By Assemblymen **KELLY, ROMA** and **Impeveduto**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** proposing to amend Article IV, Section VII,  
2 paragraph 2 of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

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

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7 1. The following proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State  
8 of New Jersey are hereby agreed to:

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10 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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12 Amend Article IV, Section VII, paragraph 2 to read as follows:

13 2. No gambling of any kind shall be authorized by the Legislature unless  
14 the specific kind, restrictions and control thereof have been heretofore  
15 submitted to, and authorized by a majority of the votes cast by, the people at  
16 a special election or shall hereafter be submitted to, and authorized by a  
17 majority of the votes cast thereon by, the legally qualified voters of the State  
18 voting at a general election, except that, without any such submission or  
19 authorization:

20 A. It shall be lawful for bona fide veterans, charitable, educational,  
21 religious or fraternal organizations, civic and service clubs, senior citizen  
22 associations or clubs, volunteer fire companies and first-aid or rescue squads  
23 to conduct, under such restrictions and control as shall from time to time be  
24 prescribed by the Legislature by law, games of chance of, and restricted to,  
25 the selling of rights to participate, the awarding of prizes, in the specific kind  
26 of game of chance sometimes known as bingo or lotto, played with cards  
27 bearing numbers or other designations, 5 or more in one line, the holder  
28 covering numbers as objects, similarly numbered, are drawn from a receptacle  
29 and the game being won by the person who first covers a previously  
30 designated arrangement of numbers on such a card, when the entire net  
31 proceeds of such games of chance are to be devoted to educational,  
32 charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses, and in the case of senior

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 citizen associations or clubs to the support of such organizations, in any  
2 municipality, in which a majority of the qualified voters, voting thereon, at a  
3 general or special election as the submission thereof shall be prescribed by the  
4 Legislature by law, shall authorize the conduct of such games of chance  
5 therein;

6 B. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize, by law, bona fide  
7 veterans, charitable, educational, religious or fraternal organizations, civic and  
8 service clubs, senior citizen associations or clubs, volunteer fire companies and  
9 first-aid or rescue squads to conduct games of chance of, and restricted to, the  
10 selling of rights to participate, and the awarding of prizes, in the specific kinds  
11 of games of chance sometimes known as raffles, conducted by the drawing for  
12 prizes or by the allotment of prizes by chance, when the entire net proceeds  
13 of such games of chance are to be devoted to educational, charitable,  
14 patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses, and in the case of senior citizen  
15 associations or clubs to the support of such organizations, in any municipality,  
16 in which such law shall be adopted by a majority of the qualified voters, voting  
17 thereon, at a general or special election as the submission thereof shall be  
18 prescribed by law and for the Legislature, from time to time, to restrict and  
19 control, by law, the conduct of such games of chance;

20 C. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize the conduct of: (1)  
21 State lotteries restricted to the selling of rights to participate therein and the  
22 awarding of prizes by drawings when the entire net proceeds of any such  
23 lottery shall be for State institutions[,] and State aid for education; and (2)  
24 State video lotteries restricted to the selling of rights to participate therein and  
25 the awarding of prizes by means of games, or electronically simulated games,  
26 the outcome of which is determined by chance or by a combination of chance  
27 and the player's skill, and which are displayed and played on video lottery  
28 machines, when the entire net proceeds thereof shall be used to reimburse  
29 hospitals for the cost of eligible charity care in such manner as shall be  
30 provided by law;

31 D. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize by law the  
32 establishment and operation, under regulation and control by the State, of  
33 gambling houses or casinos within the boundaries, as heretofore established,  
34 of the city of Atlantic City, county of Atlantic, and to license and tax such  
35 operations and equipment used in connection therewith. Any law authorizing  
36 the establishment and operation of such gambling establishments shall provide  
37 for the State revenues derived therefrom to be applied solely for the purpose  
38 of providing funding for reductions in property taxes, rental, telephone, gas,  
39 electric, and municipal utilities charges of, eligible senior citizens and disabled  
40 residents of the State, and for additional or expanded health services or  
41 benefits or transportation services or benefits to eligible senior citizens and  
42 disabled residents, in accordance with such formulae as the Legislature shall  
43 by law provide. The type and number of such casinos or gambling houses and

1 of the gambling games which may be conducted in any such establishment shall  
2 be determined by or pursuant to the terms of the law authorizing the  
3 establishment and operation thereof[.]; and

4 E. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize, by law, (1) the  
5 simultaneous transmission by picture of running and harness horse races  
6 conducted at racetracks located within or outside of this State, or both, to  
7 gambling houses or casinos in the city of Atlantic City and (2) wagering at  
8 those gambling establishments on the results of those races. The State's share  
9 of revenues derived therefrom shall be applied for services to benefit eligible  
10 senior citizens as shall be provided by law.

11 (cf: Article IV, Section VII, paragraph 2 amended effective December 6,  
12 1990)

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14 2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally agreed to  
15 pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it shall be submitted  
16 to the people at the next general election occurring more than three months  
17 after the final agreement and shall be published at least once in at least one  
18 newspaper of each county designated by the President of the Senate, the  
19 Speaker of the General Assembly and the Secretary of State, not less than  
20 three months prior to the general election.

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22 3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to the  
23 people at that election in the following manner and form:

24 There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at the general  
25 election, the following:

26 a. In every municipality in which voting machines are not used, a legend  
27 which shall immediately precede the question, as follows:

28 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus (+) or  
29 check (T) in the square opposite the word 'Yes.' If you are opposed thereto  
30 make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (T) in the square opposite the word 'No.'

31 In every municipality the following question:

1		<b>AUTHORIZES CONDUCT OF STATE</b>
2		<b>VIDEO LOTTERIES WITH NET PROCEEDS</b>
3		<b>USED TO REIMBURSE HOSPITALS FOR</b>
4		<b>ELIGIBLE CHARITY CARE</b>
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6		Shall this amendment agreed to by the Legislature,
7		to authorize the conduct of State video lotteries
8		restricted to the selling of rights to participate
9		therein and the awarding of prizes by means of
10		games, or electronically simulated games, the
11		outcome of which is determined by chance or by a
12		combination of chance and the player's skill, and
13	<b>YES</b>	which are displayed and played on video lottery
14		machines, when the entire net proceeds thereof
15		shall be used to reimburse hospitals for the cost of
16		eligible charity care in such manner as shall be
17		provided by law, be approved?
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20		<b>INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</b>
21		This constitutional amendment would allow the
22		Legislature to authorize the conduct of State video
23		lotteries. In video lotteries, games or electronically
24		simulated games are displayed and played on video
25		lottery machines. The outcome is determined by
26		chance or by a combination of chance and the
27	<b>NO</b>	player's skill, and prizes are awarded. The entire
28		net proceeds from conducting video lotteries shall
29		be used by the State to reimburse hospitals for the
30		cost of eligible charity care in such manner as shall
31		be provided by law.
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STATEMENT

38 This concurrent resolution proposes an amendment to the New Jersey  
 39 Constitution which would allow the Legislature to authorize the conduct of  
 40 State video lotteries restricted to the selling of rights to participate therein and  
 41 the awarding of prizes by means of games, or electronically simulated games,  
 42 the outcome of which is determined by chance or by a combination of chance

1 and the player's skill, and which are displayed and played on video lottery  
2 machines, when the entire net proceeds thereof shall be used to reimburse  
3 hospitals for the cost of eligible charity care in such manner as shall be  
4 provided by law.

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9 Proposes amendment to New Jersey Constitution to authorize State video  
10 lotteries with net proceeds used to reimburse hospitals for eligible charity care.