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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 77

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 6, 1996

By Senator LaROSSA

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 Senate of the State of New Jersey (the General
5 Assembly concurring):

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7 1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of
8 New Jersey is 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

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SSG committee amendments adopted March 3, 1997.

1 designated arrangement of numbers on such a card, when the entire net
2 proceeds of such games of chance are to be devoted to educational,
3 charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses, and in the case of senior
4 citizen associations or clubs to the support of such organizations, in any
5 municipality, in which a majority of the qualified voters, voting thereon, at a
6 general or special election as the submission thereof shall be prescribed by the
7 Legislature by law, shall authorize the conduct of such games of chance
8 therein;

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

23 C. It shall be lawful for the Legislature: (1) to authorize the conduct of
24 State lotteries restricted to the selling of rights to participate therein and the
25 awarding of prizes by drawings when the entire net proceeds of any such
26 lottery shall be for State institutions[,] and State aid for education, and (2) to
27 authorize the use of a portion of any prize money remaining unclaimed one
28 year after a drawing to fund part or all of the funeral costs of police officers
29 killed in the line of duty whenever such officers are not covered, in whole or
30 in part, by some type of life insurance, other than credit life insurance; [and]

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
12 December 6, 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:

<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PERMITTING PORTION OF UNCLAIMED STATE LOTTERY PRIZE MONEY TO BE USED FOR FUNERAL COSTS OF CERTAIN POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN LINE OF DUTY</p> <p>Shall the amendment to Article IV, Section VII, paragraph 2 of the Constitution, agreed to by the Legislature, providing that a portion of State lottery prize money remaining unclaimed one year after a drawing may be used to fund part or all of the funeral costs of police officers killed in the line of duty <u>whenever such officers are not covered, in whole or in part, by some type of life insurance, other than credit life insurance</u>, be adopted?</p>
<p>18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</p> <p>This amendment would allow the Legislature to use a portion of any unclaimed State lottery prize money to fund part or all of the funeral costs of police officers killed in the line of duty <u>whenever such officers are not covered, in whole or in part, by some type of life insurance, other than credit life insurance</u>. Currently, unclaimed lottery prize money may be used only for State institutions and State aid for education, for augmenting prize money and for administrative expenses in operating the lottery. A prize is unclaimed if the winner has not asked for it within one year after a drawing.</p>

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38 Proposes constitutional amendment to permit portion of unclaimed State
 39 lottery prize money to be used for funeral costs of certain police officers killed
 40 in line of duty when such officers have no life insurance.