

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Council to assign to a study committee the topic of gaming.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Council
2 to assign to a study committee the topic of gaming.

3 *Whereas, The gaming industry provides an important*
4 *source of revenue for Indiana's economy and jobs for Hoosiers;*
5 *and*

6 *Whereas, In order to properly assess the impact of gaming*
7 *on our state, numerous aspects of the gaming industry should*
8 *receive further study: Therefore,*

9 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
10 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

11 SECTION 1. That the Legislative Council is urged to assign to an
12 interim study committee during the 2014 legislative interim, the topic
13 of gaming. If the topic is assigned to a study committee, the committee
14 shall review and study the following areas:

15 (a) Competition posed to casinos and racinos from other states'
16 gaming activities, including:

- 17 (1) The Ohio market;
18 (2) The Illinois market;

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- 1 (3) The Michigan market; and
 2 (4) The Kentucky market;
 3 (b) Indiana gaming revenues, specifically:
 4 (1) Reductions due to competition;
 5 (2) Reductions due to economic conditions;
 6 (3) Effectiveness of free play deductibility; and
 7 (4) Taxation levels of Indiana casinos;
 8 (c) Issues related to youth access to gaming
 9 (d) Potential changes to Indiana's existing gaming laws, including:
 10 (1) Allowing expansion of current casino gaming facilities
 11 within their existing footprint;
 12 (2) Live dealers at racinos;
 13 (3) Casino tax rates and parity;
 14 (4) Pari-mutuel advance deposit wagering;
 15 (5) Utilization of existing Indiana gaming facilities;
 16 (6) The Indiana lottery, including:
 17 (A) Online lottery; and
 18 (B) Video lottery terminals;
 19 (7) Charity gaming expansion;
 20 (8) Expanded gaming in bars; and
 21 (9) Sports betting;
 22 (e) Innovations in gaming technology; and
 23 (f) Other states' gaming laws concerning the following:
 24 (1) Free play deductibility;
 25 (2) Tax rates;
 26 (3) Types of games offered;
 27 (4) Smoking;
 28 (5) Advance deposit wagering; and
 29 (6) Other laws and regulations;
 30 and their effects on Indiana's gaming facility activities and
 31 performance.

32 SECTION 2. That the study committee, if the topic is assigned to
 33 a study committee, shall operate under the direction of the Legislative
 34 Council and shall issue a final report when directed to do so by the
 35 Council.

36 SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
 37 transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Legislative Council.

