
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY PAYNE, KOTIK, D. COSTA, DeLUCA, DUNBAR, HELM,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAMING OVERSIGHT, MARCH 3, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to defeat H.R. 707 and
2 any other legislation which would prohibit states from
3 authorizing and conducting Internet gaming.

4 WHEREAS, The Restoration of America's Wire Act, introduced as
5 H.R. 707 in the 114th Congress, would prohibit the transmission
6 by wire communication of any bet or wager or of information
7 assisting in the placement of any bet or wager, including
8 Internet gaming; and

9 WHEREAS, A Federal prohibition against Internet gaming would
10 directly and negatively impact Pennsylvania by foreclosing the
11 future potential of Internet gaming to generate tax revenue, to
12 create economic and employment opportunities, including high-
13 tech software jobs, and to foster valuable business ventures for
14 Pennsylvania casinos; and

15 WHEREAS, If enacted, H.R. 707 would prohibit the Commonwealth
16 from authorizing and conducting Internet gaming and from
17 capturing new tax revenue for Pennsylvania; and

18 WHEREAS, This prohibition would preclude the Commonwealth's

1 ability to create a legitimate online gaming industry within its
2 borders, drive illegal operators out of business and protect
3 consumers; and

4 WHEREAS, Passage of this measure as Federal law would be
5 inimical to the interests of this Commonwealth, which has been
6 at the forefront of a well-regulated casino gaming industry for
7 nearly a decade and which recognizes the benefits of Internet
8 gaming and its future potential; and

9 WHEREAS, Over the course of our nation's history, state
10 governments, not the Federal Government, have determined what
11 forms of gambling should be legal or illegal within their
12 borders and, if legal, how gambling should be regulated or
13 controlled; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
15 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
16 States to defeat the Restoration of America's Wire Act,
17 introduced as H.R. 707 in the 114th Congress, which prohibits
18 the transmission by wire communication of any bet or wager or of
19 information assisting in the placement of any bet or wager,
20 including Internet gaming; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
22 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania implore the Pennsylvania
23 Congressional Delegation to unequivocally oppose H.R. 707, which
24 would unduly ban Internet gaming and violate the rights and
25 protections guaranteed to the states under the 10th Amendment of
26 the Constitution of the United States; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
28 each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.