

1 risks the loss of any thing of value in order to realize a profit when accessing the Internet and
2 despite the passage of this law, many websites exist where Louisiana citizens can participate
3 in Internet gaming activities; and

4 WHEREAS, in the seventeen years since the crime of gambling by computer was
5 created, both technology and the use of the Internet have flourished, resulting in the ability
6 to conduct gaming activities through the use of a computer or mobile device; and

7 WHEREAS, many Internet gaming opportunities occur outside the borders of the
8 United States with no safeguards regarding the integrity of the games or protection of those
9 persons who wager on those games; and

10 WHEREAS, Delaware passed legislation authorizing Internet gaming in June of
11 2012, and both Nevada and New Jersey passed similar legislation in February of this year
12 to legalize Internet gaming; and

13 WHEREAS, within a nine-month period, three states have legalized Internet gaming;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Louisiana has the potential to benefit economically by legalizing
16 Internet gaming; and

17 WHEREAS, by establishing a regulatory framework to authorize Internet gaming in
18 Louisiana, the integrity of the games could be ensured and potential additional revenue
19 sources could be realized.

20 THEREFORE, the Legislature of Louisiana requests the House Committee on the
21 Administration of Criminal Justice and the Senate Committee on Judiciary B to meet and
22 to function as a joint committee to study the feasibility and practicality of authorizing
23 Internet gaming in Louisiana and to report the findings of the joint committee to the
24 legislature prior to the convening of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of
25 Louisiana.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall seek input from the
27 office of the governor, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, the office of state police
28 gaming division, the gaming division of the office of the attorney general, the gaming
29 industry, and any other parties deemed appropriate by the committee.

DIGEST

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