Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUVAL

GAMING: Requests a study of the feasibility and practicality of authorizing Internet gaming in La.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To authorize and request the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice
3	and the Senate Committee on Judiciary B to meet and to function as a joint
4	committee to study the feasibility and practicality of authorizing Internet gaming in
5	Louisiana and to report the findings of the joint committee to the legislature prior to
6	the convening of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.
7	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature from 1990 through 1992 authorized several
8	forms of gaming, including gaming upon riverboats along designated waterways, gaming
9	at a land-based casino, the operation of video draw poker devices, and the conducting of a
10	state lottery; and
11	WHEREAS, in 1997, the Louisiana Legislature authorized slot machine gaming at
12	eligible live horse racing facilities; and
13	WHEREAS, during the past twenty-three years, the gaming industry has contributed
14	\$14.3 billion to the state budget; and
15	WHEREAS, revenues generated from the gaming industry make up six percent of
16	state-generated revenue for 2013; and
17	WHEREAS, since its inception, the gaming industry in Louisiana has been strictly
18	regulated to provide for a controlled gaming industry which is designed to promote
19	economic development and protect the citizens of the state; and
20	WHEREAS, in 1997, Louisiana enacted the crime of gambling by computer and
21	prohibited the conducting of any game, contest, lottery, or contrivance whereby a person

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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

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industry, and any other parties deemed appropriate by the committee.

DIGEST

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