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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for definitions and for  
3 regulatory authority of the board; and prohibiting Internet  
4 gaming.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 1103 of Title 4 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions to read:  
9 § 1103. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this part shall  
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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14 "Internet game." A variation or composite of any game that  
15 is offered through the Internet. The term shall include a  
16 contest or tournament conducted via the Internet in which  
17 registered players compete against one another in one or more of  
18 the Internet games or in a variation or composite of one or more  
19 of the Internet games at any location.

1       "Internet gaming." The placing of a bet or wager on an  
2 Internet game in this Commonwealth using a computer network of  
3 both Federal and non-Federal interoperable packet switched data  
4 networks.

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6       Section 2. Section 1202 of Title 4 is amended by adding a  
7 subsection to read:

8       § 1202. General and specific powers.

9       \* \* \*

10       (c) Prohibited powers.--The board shall be prohibited from  
11 having any authority to promulgate regulations, issue licenses  
12 or certificates or to implement programs that allow for the  
13 establishment of Internet gaming in this Commonwealth by any  
14 licensed entity at any location in this Commonwealth.

15       Section 3. Section 1518(a) of Title 4 is amended by adding a  
16 paragraph to read:

17       § 1518. Prohibited acts; penalties.

18       (a) Criminal offenses.--

19       \* \* \*

20       (9.2) It shall be unlawful for a person or a licensed  
21 entity to possess, offer to the public, operate or permit  
22 another person or licensed entity to operate Internet gaming  
23 in this Commonwealth.

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25       Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.