
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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BROWNLEE, DUNBAR, GIBBONS, KOTIK, KORTZ, PASHINSKI AND
READSHAW, OCTOBER 16, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 16, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to defeat S. 2159 and
2 H.R. 4301, which prohibit states from authorizing and
3 conducting Internet gaming.

4 WHEREAS, The Restoration of America's Wire Act, introduced as
5 S. 2159 and H.R. 4301 in the 113th Congress, would prohibit the
6 transmission by wire communication of any bet or wager or of
7 information assisting in the placement of any bet or wager,
8 including 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, S. 2159 and H.R. 4301 would prohibit the
16 Commonwealth from authorizing and conducting Internet gaming and
17 from capturing new tax revenue for Pennsylvania; and

18 WHEREAS, This prohibition would preclude the Commonwealth's

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

4 WHEREAS, Passage of these measures 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 the future potential thereof; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
10 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
11 States to defeat the Restoration of America's Wire Act,
12 introduced as S. 2159 and H.R. 4301 in the 113th Congress, which
13 prohibits the transmission by wire communication of any bet or
14 wager, or of information assisting in the placement of any bet
15 or wager, including Internet gaming; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
17 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania implore the Pennsylvania
18 Congressional Delegation to unequivocally oppose S. 2159 and
19 H.R. 4301, which would unduly ban Internet gaming and violate
20 the rights and protections guaranteed to the states under the
21 Tenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States; and be
22 it further

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