

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 2—Assemblymen Perkins, Gibbons, Berman, Von Tobel, Manendo, Anderson, Angle, Arberry, Bache, Beers, Brower, Brown, Buckley, Carpenter, Cegavske, Chowning, Claborn, Collins, de Braga, Dini, Freeman, Giunchigliani, Goldwater, Gustavson, Hettrick, Humke, Koivisto, Lee, Leslie, Marvel, McClain, Mortenson, Neighbors, Nolan, Ocegüera, Parks, Parnell, Smith, Tiffany and Williams

Joint Sponsors: Senators Raggio, Porter, Washington, Rawson, Townsend, Amodei, Care, Carlton, Coffin, Jacobsen, James, Mathews, McGinness, Neal, O'Connell, O'Donnell, Rhoads, Schneider, Shaffer, Titus and Wiener

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ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress to refrain from enacting any measure to repeal the ability of Nevada to license and regulate sports wagering in its current form and to enact the National Collegiate and Amateur Athletic Protection Act of 2001.

WHEREAS, Illegal gambling on college sports has been identified as a serious national problem, particularly illegal gambling by college students and other underage persons; and

WHEREAS, According to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, there are student bookmakers on virtually every college campus in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada, pursuant to an express provision of the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act enacted by Congress in 1992, has licensed and regulated a sports wagering industry and has enacted controls that serve to assist its sports books in maintaining honest operations; and

WHEREAS, The sports books in this state have demonstrated their effectiveness in providing a defense against illegal gambling on college sports through the identification of suspicious wagering activities and the discovery of point-shaving schemes in college sports; and

WHEREAS, Without the vigilance of the sports books in this state and their notification of law enforcement authorities, certain point-shaving scandals in college sports might not have been uncovered and certainly would not have been discovered so quickly; and

WHEREAS, The sports books in this state operate under the strictest regulatory controls in the United States, including the most demanding reporting requirements for transactions and suspicious activities and computerized bookmaking systems that document every wager received, every win paid out, the results of each sporting event and every change in odds; and

WHEREAS, Legal wagers with the sports books regulated by this state, which amount to approximately \$2.5 billion each year, are dwarfed by the amount of illegal sports wagers in this country, which are estimated by some sources to exceed \$350 billion each year; and

WHEREAS, There have been no reports of student bookmakers on any college campus in this state contributing to the flood of illegal sports wagers; and

WHEREAS, There have been efforts in Congress that seek to take away from the State of Nevada the constitutionally derived authority recognized by the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act with respect to wagering on college sports conducted within the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, The repeal of that exemption would have an adverse effect on the economy of this state and the jobs of a number of its residents, would deprive this country of a vital defense against illegal sports wagering and would lead to an increase in illegal sports wagering; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges Congress to refrain from enacting any measure that would repeal the ability of the State of Nevada to license and regulate sports wagering in its current form, thereby inflicting damage upon both the State of Nevada and the national fight against illegal gambling; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges Congress to enact the National Collegiate and Amateur Athletic Protection Act of 2001, sponsored by United States Senators John Ensign and Harry Reid and United States Representatives James Gibbons and Shelley Berkley and others, thereby enhancing the ability of the nation to identify and address illegal wagering on college sports; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.