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**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 11**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

215th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2012 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator CHRISTOPHER "KIP" BATEMAN

District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset)

Senator DAWN MARIE ADDIEGO

District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Thompson

SYNOPSIS

Proposes constitutional amendment to allow veterans' organizations to use net proceeds from games of chance for support of organization.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/24/2012)

SCR11 BATEMAN, ADDIEGO

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION proposing to amend Article IV,
2 Section VII, paragraph 2 of the New Jersey Constitution.

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the
5 General Assembly concurring):

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7 1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of
8 the State of New Jersey is agreed to:

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10 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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12 Amend Article IV, Section VII, paragraph 2 to read as follows:

13 2. No gambling of any kind shall be authorized by the
14 Legislature unless the specific kind, restrictions and control thereof
15 have been heretofore submitted to, and authorized by a majority of
16 the votes cast by, the people at a special election or shall hereafter
17 be submitted to, and authorized by a majority of the votes cast
18 thereon by, the legally qualified voters of the State voting at a
19 general election, except that, without any such submission or
20 authorization:

21 A. It shall be lawful for bona fide veterans, charitable,
22 educational, religious or fraternal organizations, civic and service
23 clubs, senior citizen associations or clubs, volunteer fire companies
24 and first-aid or rescue squads to conduct, under such restrictions
25 and control as shall from time to time be prescribed by the
26 Legislature by law, games of chance of, and restricted to, the selling
27 of rights to participate, the awarding of prizes, in the specific kind
28 of game of chance sometimes known as bingo or lotto, played with
29 cards bearing numbers or other designations, 5 or more in one line,
30 the holder covering numbers as objects, similarly numbered, are
31 drawn from a receptacle and the game being won by the person who
32 first covers a previously designated arrangement of numbers on
33 such a card, when the entire net proceeds of such games of chance
34 are to be devoted to educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or
35 public-spirited uses, and in the case of bona fide veterans'
36 organizations and senior citizen associations or clubs to the support
37 of such organizations, in any municipality, in which a majority of
38 the qualified voters, voting thereon, at a general or special election
39 as the submission thereof shall be prescribed by the Legislature by
40 law, shall authorize the conduct of such games of chance therein;

41 B. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize, by law,
42 bona fide veterans, charitable, educational, religious or fraternal
43 organizations, civic and service clubs, senior citizen associations or
44 clubs, volunteer fire companies and first-aid or rescue squads to
45 conduct games of chance of, and restricted to, the selling of rights

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 to participate, and the awarding of prizes, in the specific kinds of
2 games of chance sometimes known as raffles, conducted by the
3 drawing for prizes or by the allotment of prizes by chance, when the
4 entire net proceeds of such games of chance are to be devoted to
5 educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses,
6 and in the case of bona fide veterans' organizations and senior
7 citizen associations or clubs to the support of such organizations, in
8 any municipality, in which such law shall be adopted by a majority
9 of the qualified voters, voting thereon, at a general or special
10 election as the submission thereof shall be prescribed by law and
11 for the Legislature, from time to time, to restrict and control, by
12 law, the conduct of such games of chance;

13 C. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize the conduct
14 of State lotteries restricted to the selling of rights to participate
15 therein and the awarding of prizes by drawings when the entire net
16 proceeds of any such lottery shall be for State institutions and State
17 aid for education; provided, however, that it shall not be competent
18 for the Legislature to borrow, appropriate or use, under any pretense
19 whatsoever, lottery net proceeds for the confinement, housing,
20 supervision or treatment of, or education programs for, adult
21 criminal offenders or juveniles adjudged delinquent or for the
22 construction, staffing, support, maintenance or operation of an adult
23 or juvenile correctional facility or institution;

24 D. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize by law the
25 establishment and operation, under regulation and control by the
26 State, of gambling houses or casinos within the boundaries, as
27 heretofore established, of the city of Atlantic City, county of
28 Atlantic, and to license and tax such operations and equipment used
29 in connection therewith. Any law authorizing the establishment and
30 operation of such gambling establishments shall provide for the
31 State revenues derived therefrom to be applied solely for the
32 purpose of providing funding for reductions in property taxes,
33 rental, telephone, gas, electric, and municipal utilities charges of
34 eligible senior citizens and disabled residents of the State, and for
35 additional or expanded health services or benefits or transportation
36 services or benefits to eligible senior citizens and disabled
37 residents, in accordance with such formulae as the Legislature shall
38 by law provide. The type and number of such casinos or gambling
39 houses and of the gambling games which may be conducted in any
40 such establishment shall be determined by or pursuant to the terms
41 of the law authorizing the establishment and operation thereof;

42 E. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize, by law, (1)
43 the simultaneous transmission by picture of running and harness
44 horse races conducted at racetracks located within or outside of this
45 State, or both, to gambling houses or casinos in the city of Atlantic
46 City and (2) the specific kind, restrictions and control of wagering
47 at those gambling establishments on the results of those races. The

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1 State's share of revenues derived therefrom shall be applied for
2 services to benefit eligible senior citizens as shall be provided by
3 law; and

4 F. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize, by law, the
5 specific kind, restrictions and control of wagering on the results of
6 live or simulcast running and harness horse races conducted within
7 or outside of this State. The State's share of revenues derived
8 therefrom shall be used for such purposes as shall be provided by
9 law.

10 (cf: Art. IV, Sec. VII, par. 2 amended effective December 2, 1999)

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12 2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally
13 agreed to pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it
14 shall be submitted to the people at the next general election
15 occurring more than three months after the final agreement and
16 shall be published at least once in at least one newspaper of each
17 county designated by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
18 General Assembly and the Secretary of State, not less than three
19 months prior to the general election.

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21 3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be
22 submitted to the people at that election in the following manner and
23 form:

24 There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at the
25 general election, the following:

26 a. In every municipality in which voting machines are not used, a
27 legend which shall immediately precede the question as follows:

28 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus
29 (+), or check (✓) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If you are
30 opposed thereto make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (✓) in the
31 square opposite the word "No."

32 b. In every municipality the following question:

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	<p>YES</p>	<p>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PERMIT VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS TO USE NET PROCEEDS FROM GAMES OF CHANCE FOR SUPPORT OF THE ORGANIZATION</p> <p>Shall the amendment to Article IV, Section VII, paragraph 2 of the State Constitution agreed to by the Legislature, allowing registered and licensed bona fide veterans' organizations to use net proceeds from games of chance to support the organization be approved?</p>
	<p>NO</p>	<p>INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</p> <p>Approval of this amendment would allow bona fide veterans' organizations to use net proceeds from games of chance, sometimes known as bingo, lotto or raffles, to support the organization. Currently, net proceeds are to be devoted to educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses. Senior citizen associations or clubs may use net proceeds now for the support of the organization. Under current law, veterans' organizations must be registered with the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and licensed by a municipality before conducting any bingo or raffle.</p>

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STATEMENT

Approval of this constitutional amendment would allow bona fide veterans' organizations, registered with the New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and licensed by a municipality, to use the net proceeds from games of chance, sometimes known as bingo, lotto, or raffles for the support of the organization. Currently, the net proceeds of such games of chance are to be devoted to educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses. Presently, only senior citizen associations or clubs may use the net proceeds to support their organization.

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SYNOPSIS

Proposes constitutional amendment to allow veterans' organizations to use net proceeds from games of chance for support of organization.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee on January 23, 2012, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/21/2013)

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2 Section VII, paragraph 2 of the New Jersey Constitution.

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18 thereon by, the legally qualified voters of the State voting at a
19 general election, except that, without any such submission or
20 authorization:

21 A. It shall be lawful for bona fide veterans, charitable,
22 educational, religious or fraternal organizations, civic and service
23 clubs, senior citizen associations or clubs, volunteer fire companies
24 and first-aid or rescue squads to conduct, under such restrictions
25 and control as shall from time to time be prescribed by the
26 Legislature by law, games of chance of, and restricted to, the selling
27 of rights to participate, the awarding of prizes, in the specific kind
28 of game of chance sometimes known as bingo or lotto, played with
29 cards bearing numbers or other designations, 5 or more in one line,
30 the holder covering numbers as objects, similarly numbered, are
31 drawn from a receptacle and the game being won by the person who
32 first covers a previously designated arrangement of numbers on
33 such a card, when the entire net proceeds of such games of chance
34 are to be devoted to educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or
35 public-spirited uses, and in the case of bona fide veterans'
36 organizations and senior citizen associations or clubs to the support
37 of such organizations, in any municipality, in which a majority of
38 the qualified voters, voting thereon, at a general or special election
39 as the submission thereof shall be prescribed by the Legislature by
40 law, shall authorize the conduct of such games of chance therein;

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42 bona fide veterans, charitable, educational, religious or fraternal
43 organizations, civic and service clubs, senior citizen associations or
44 clubs, volunteer fire companies and first-aid or rescue squads to

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Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SSG committee amendments adopted January 23, 2012.

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2 to participate, and the awarding of prizes, in the specific kinds of
3 games of chance sometimes known as raffles, conducted by the
4 drawing for prizes or by the allotment of prizes by chance, when the
5 entire net proceeds of such games of chance are to be devoted to
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7 and in the case of bona fide veterans' organizations and senior
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9 any municipality, in which such law shall be adopted by a majority
10 of the qualified voters, voting thereon, at a general or special
11 election as the submission thereof shall be prescribed by law and
12 for the Legislature, from time to time, to restrict and control, by
13 law, the conduct of such games of chance;

14 C. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize the conduct
15 of State lotteries restricted to the selling of rights to participate
16 therein and the awarding of prizes by drawings when the entire net
17 proceeds of any such lottery shall be for State institutions and State
18 aid for education; provided, however, that it shall not be competent
19 for the Legislature to borrow, appropriate or use, under any pretense
20 whatsoever, lottery net proceeds for the confinement, housing,
21 supervision or treatment of, or education programs for, adult
22 criminal offenders or juveniles adjudged delinquent or for the
23 construction, staffing, support, maintenance or operation of an adult
24 or juvenile correctional facility or institution;

25 D. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize by law the
26 establishment and operation, under regulation and control by the
27 State, of gambling houses or casinos within the boundaries, as
28 heretofore established, of the city of Atlantic City, county of
29 Atlantic, and to license and tax such operations and equipment used
30 in connection therewith. Any law authorizing the establishment and
31 operation of such gambling establishments shall provide for the
32 State revenues derived therefrom to be applied solely for the
33 purpose of providing funding for reductions in property taxes,
34 rental, telephone, gas, electric, and municipal utilities charges of
35 eligible senior citizens and disabled residents of the State, and for
36 additional or expanded health services or benefits or transportation
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38 residents, in accordance with such formulae as the Legislature shall
39 by law provide. The type and number of such casinos or gambling
40 houses and of the gambling games which may be conducted in any
41 such establishment shall be determined by or pursuant to the terms
42 of the law authorizing the establishment and operation thereof;

43 E. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize, by law, (1)
44 the simultaneous transmission by picture of running and harness
45 horse races conducted at racetracks located within or outside of this
46 State, or both, to gambling houses or casinos in the city of Atlantic
47 City and (2) the specific kind, restrictions and control of wagering

1 at those gambling establishments on the results of those races. The
2 State's share of revenues derived therefrom shall be applied for
3 services to benefit eligible senior citizens as shall be provided by
4 law; and

5 F. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize, by law, the
6 specific kind, restrictions and control of wagering on the results of
7 live or simulcast running and harness horse races conducted within
8 or outside of this State. The State's share of revenues derived
9 therefrom shall be used for such purposes as shall be provided by
10 law.

11 (cf: Art. IV, Sec. VII, par. 2 amended effective December 2,
12 1999)]¹

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14 ¹1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the
15 State of New Jersey is agreed to:

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17 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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29 educational, religious or fraternal organizations, civic and service
30 clubs, senior citizen associations or clubs, volunteer fire companies
31 and first-aid or rescue squads to conduct, under such restrictions
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33 Legislature by law, games of chance of, and restricted to, the selling
34 of rights to participate, the awarding of prizes, in the specific kind
35 of game of chance sometimes known as bingo or lotto, played with
36 cards bearing numbers or other designations, 5 or more in one line,
37 the holder covering numbers as objects, similarly numbered, are
38 drawn from a receptacle and the game being won by the person who
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40 such a card, when the entire net proceeds of such games of chance
41 are to be devoted to educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or
42 public-spirited uses, and in the case of bona fide veterans'
43 organizations and senior citizen associations or clubs to the support
44 of such organizations, in any municipality, in which a majority of
45 the qualified voters, voting thereon, at a general or special election
46 as the submission thereof shall be prescribed by the Legislature by
47 law, shall authorize the conduct of such games of chance therein;

1 B. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize, by law,
2 bona fide veterans, charitable, educational, religious or fraternal
3 organizations, civic and service clubs, senior citizen associations or
4 clubs, volunteer fire companies and first-aid or rescue squads to
5 conduct games of chance of, and restricted to, the selling of rights
6 to participate, and the awarding of prizes, in the specific kinds of
7 games of chance sometimes known as raffles, conducted by the
8 drawing for prizes or by the allotment of prizes by chance, when the
9 entire net proceeds of such games of chance are to be devoted to
10 educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses,
11 and in the case of bona fide veterans' organizations and senior
12 citizen associations or clubs to the support of such organizations, in
13 any municipality, in which such law shall be adopted by a majority
14 of the qualified voters, voting thereon, at a general or special
15 election as the submission thereof shall be prescribed by law and
16 for the Legislature, from time to time, to restrict and control, by
17 law, the conduct of such games of chance;

18 C. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize the conduct
19 of State lotteries restricted to the selling of rights to participate
20 therein and the awarding of prizes by drawings when the entire net
21 proceeds of any such lottery shall be for State institutions and State
22 aid for education; provided, however, that it shall not be competent
23 for the Legislature to borrow, appropriate or use, under any pretense
24 whatsoever, lottery net proceeds for the confinement, housing,
25 supervision or treatment of, or education programs for, adult
26 criminal offenders or juveniles adjudged delinquent or for the
27 construction, staffing, support, maintenance or operation of an adult
28 or juvenile correctional facility or institution;

29 D. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize by law the
30 establishment and operation, under regulation and control by the
31 State, of gambling houses or casinos within the boundaries, as
32 heretofore established, of the city of Atlantic City, county of
33 Atlantic, and to license and tax such operations and equipment used
34 in connection therewith. Any law authorizing the establishment and
35 operation of such gambling establishments shall provide for the
36 State revenues derived therefrom to be applied solely for the
37 purpose of providing funding for reductions in property taxes,
38 rental, telephone, gas, electric, and municipal utilities charges of
39 eligible senior citizens and disabled residents of the State, and for
40 additional or expanded health services or benefits or transportation
41 services or benefits to eligible senior citizens and disabled
42 residents, in accordance with such formulae as the Legislature shall
43 by law provide. The type and number of such casinos or gambling
44 houses and of the gambling games which may be conducted in any
45 such establishment shall be determined by or pursuant to the terms
46 of the law authorizing the establishment and operation thereof.

1 It shall also be lawful for the Legislature to authorize by law
2 wagering at casinos or gambling houses in Atlantic City on the
3 results of any professional, college, or amateur sport or athletic
4 event, except that wagering shall not be permitted on a college sport
5 or athletic event that takes place in New Jersey or on a sport or
6 athletic event in which any New Jersey college team participates
7 regardless of where the event takes place;

8 E. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize, by law, (1)
9 the simultaneous transmission by picture of running and harness
10 horse races conducted at racetracks located within or outside of this
11 State, or both, to gambling houses or casinos in the city of Atlantic
12 City and (2) the specific kind, restrictions and control of wagering
13 at those gambling establishments on the results of those races. The
14 State's share of revenues derived therefrom shall be applied for
15 services to benefit eligible senior citizens as shall be provided by
16 law; and

17 F. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize, by law, the
18 specific kind, restrictions and control of wagering on the results of
19 live or simulcast running and harness horse races conducted within
20 or outside of this State. The State's share of revenues derived
21 therefrom shall be used for such purposes as shall be provided by
22 law.

23 It shall also be lawful for the Legislature to authorize by law
24 wagering at current or former running and harness horse racetracks
25 in this State on the results of any professional, college, or amateur
26 sport or athletic event, except that wagering shall not be permitted
27 on a college sport or athletic event that takes place in New Jersey or
28 on a sport or athletic event in which any New Jersey college team
29 participates regardless of where the event takes place.¹

30 (cf: Art. IV, Sec. VII, para. 2 amended effective December 8, 2011)

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32 2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally
33 agreed to pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it
34 shall be submitted to the people at the next general election
35 occurring more than three months after the final agreement and
36 shall be published at least once in at least one newspaper of each
37 county designated by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
38 General Assembly and the Secretary of State, not less than three
39 months prior to the general election.

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41 3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be
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43 form:

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45 general election, the following:

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47 a legend which shall immediately precede the question as follows:

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 2 (+), or check (✓) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If you are
 3 opposed thereto make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (✓) in the
 4 square opposite the word "No."

5 b. In every municipality the following question
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	<p>YES</p>	<p>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PERMIT ¹【VETERANS’ ORGANIZATIONS TO USE NET PROCEEDS FROM GAMES OF CHANCE FOR SUPPORT OF THE ORGANIZATION】 <u>MONEY FROM EXISTING GAMES OF CHANCE TO SUPPORT VETERANS’ ORGANIZATIONS¹</u></p> <p>¹【Shall the amendment to Article IV, Section VII, paragraph 2 of the State Constitution agreed to by the Legislature, allowing registered and licensed bona fide veterans’ organizations to use net proceeds from games of chance to support the organization be approved】 <u>Do you approve amending the Constitution to allow veterans’ organizations to use money collected from existing games of chance to support their organizations¹?</u></p>
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	<p>NO</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</p> <p>¹[Approval of this amendment would allow bona fide veterans’ organizations to use net proceeds from games of chance, sometimes known as bingo, lotto or raffles, to support the organization. Currently, net proceeds are to be devoted to educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses. Senior citizen associations or clubs may use net proceeds now for the support of the organization. Under current law, veterans’ organizations must be registered with the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and licensed by a municipality before conducting any bingo or raffle] <u>This amendment to the Constitution would allow veterans’ organizations to use the money collected from existing games of chance (such as bingo, lotto or raffles) to support their organizations. At present, the Constitution allows this money to be used only for educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited purposes. Currently, only senior citizen groups may use the money they collect from existing games of chance to support their groups¹ .</u></p>
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**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 114**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
215th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 6, 2012

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SYNOPSIS

Proposes constitutional amendment to allow veterans' organizations to use net proceeds from games of chance for support of organization.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 A **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** proposing to amend Article IV,
2 Section VII, paragraph 2 of the New Jersey Constitution.

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4 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
5 *Jersey (the Senate concurring):*

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7 1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the
8 State of New Jersey is agreed to:

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10 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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12 Amend Article IV, Section VII, paragraph 2 to read as follows:

13 2. No gambling of any kind shall be authorized by the
14 Legislature unless the specific kind, restrictions and control thereof
15 have been heretofore submitted to, and authorized by a majority of
16 the votes cast by, the people at a special election or shall hereafter
17 be submitted to, and authorized by a majority of the votes cast
18 thereon by, the legally qualified voters of the State voting at a
19 general election, except that, without any such submission or
20 authorization:

21 A. It shall be lawful for bona fide veterans, charitable,
22 educational, religious or fraternal organizations, civic and service
23 clubs, senior citizen associations or clubs, volunteer fire companies
24 and first-aid or rescue squads to conduct, under such restrictions
25 and control as shall from time to time be prescribed by the
26 Legislature by law, games of chance of, and restricted to, the selling
27 of rights to participate, the awarding of prizes, in the specific kind
28 of game of chance sometimes known as bingo or lotto, played with
29 cards bearing numbers or other designations, 5 or more in one line,
30 the holder covering numbers as objects, similarly numbered, are
31 drawn from a receptacle and the game being won by the person who
32 first covers a previously designated arrangement of numbers on
33 such a card, when the entire net proceeds of such games of chance
34 are to be devoted to educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or
35 public-spirited uses, and in the case of bona fide veterans'
36 organizations and senior citizen associations or clubs to the support
37 of such organizations, in any municipality, in which a majority of
38 the qualified voters, voting thereon, at a general or special election
39 as the submission thereof shall be prescribed by the Legislature by
40 law, shall authorize the conduct of such games of chance therein;

41 B. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize, by law,
42 bona fide veterans, charitable, educational, religious or fraternal
43 organizations, civic and service clubs, senior citizen associations or
44 clubs, volunteer fire companies and first-aid or rescue squads to
45 conduct games of chance of, and restricted to, the selling of rights

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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1 to participate, and the awarding of prizes, in the specific kinds of
2 games of chance sometimes known as raffles, conducted by the
3 drawing for prizes or by the allotment of prizes by chance, when the
4 entire net proceeds of such games of chance are to be devoted to
5 educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses,
6 and in the case of bona fide veterans' organizations and senior
7 citizen associations or clubs to the support of such organizations, in
8 any municipality, in which such law shall be adopted by a majority
9 of the qualified voters, voting thereon, at a general or special
10 election as the submission thereof shall be prescribed by law and
11 for the Legislature, from time to time, to restrict and control, by
12 law, the conduct of such games of chance;

13 C. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize the conduct
14 of State lotteries restricted to the selling of rights to participate
15 therein and the awarding of prizes by drawings when the entire net
16 proceeds of any such lottery shall be for State institutions and State
17 aid for education; provided, however, that it shall not be competent
18 for the Legislature to borrow, appropriate or use, under any pretense
19 whatsoever, lottery net proceeds for the confinement, housing,
20 supervision or treatment of, or education programs for, adult
21 criminal offenders or juveniles adjudged delinquent or for the
22 construction, staffing, support, maintenance or operation of an adult
23 or juvenile correctional facility or institution;

24 D. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize by law the
25 establishment and operation, under regulation and control by the
26 State, of gambling houses or casinos within the boundaries, as
27 heretofore established, of the city of Atlantic City, county of
28 Atlantic, and to license and tax such operations and equipment used
29 in connection therewith. Any law authorizing the establishment and
30 operation of such gambling establishments shall provide for the
31 State revenues derived therefrom to be applied solely for the
32 purpose of providing funding for reductions in property taxes,
33 rental, telephone, gas, electric, and municipal utilities charges of
34 eligible senior citizens and disabled residents of the State, and for
35 additional or expanded health services or benefits or transportation
36 services or benefits to eligible senior citizens and disabled
37 residents, in accordance with such formulae as the Legislature shall
38 by law provide. The type and number of such casinos or gambling
39 houses and of the gambling games which may be conducted in any
40 such establishment shall be determined by or pursuant to the terms
41 of the law authorizing the establishment and operation thereof.

42 It shall also be lawful for the Legislature to authorize by law
43 wagering at casinos or gambling houses in Atlantic City on the
44 results of any professional, college, or amateur sport or athletic
45 event, except that wagering shall not be permitted on a college sport
46 or athletic event that takes place in New Jersey or on a sport or
47 athletic event in which any New Jersey college team participates
48 regardless of where the event takes place;

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1 E. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize, by law, (1)
2 the simultaneous transmission by picture of running and harness
3 horse races conducted at racetracks located within or outside of this
4 State, or both, to gambling houses or casinos in the city of Atlantic
5 City and (2) the specific kind, restrictions and control of wagering
6 at those gambling establishments on the results of those races. The
7 State's share of revenues derived therefrom shall be applied for
8 services to benefit eligible senior citizens as shall be provided by
9 law; and

10 F. It shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize, by law, the
11 specific kind, restrictions and control of wagering on the results of
12 live or simulcast running and harness horse races conducted within
13 or outside of this State. The State's share of revenues derived
14 therefrom shall be used for such purposes as shall be provided by
15 law.

16 It shall also be lawful for the Legislature to authorize by law
17 wagering at current or former running and harness horse racetracks
18 in this State on the results of any professional, college, or amateur
19 sport or athletic event, except that wagering shall not be permitted
20 on a college sport or athletic event that takes place in New Jersey or
21 on a sport or athletic event in which any New Jersey college team
22 participates regardless of where the event takes place.

23 (cf: Art. IV, Sec. VII, para. 2 amended effective December 8, 2011)

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25 2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally
26 agreed to pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it
27 shall be submitted to the people at the next general election
28 occurring more than three months after the final agreement and
29 shall be published at least once in at least one newspaper of each
30 county designated by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
31 General Assembly and the Secretary of State, not less than three
32 months prior to the general election.

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34 3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be
35 submitted to the people at that election in the following manner and
36 form:

37 There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at the
38 general election, the following:

39 a. In every municipality in which voting machines are not used,
40 a legend which shall immediately precede the question as follows:

41 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus
42 (+), or check (✓) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If you are
43 opposed thereto make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (✓) in the
44 square opposite the word "No."

45 b. In every municipality the following question:

	<p>YES</p>	<p>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PERMIT MONEY FROM EXISTING GAMES OF CHANCE TO SUPPORT VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS</p> <p>Do you approve amending the Constitution to allow veterans' organizations to use money collected from existing games of chance to support their organizations?</p>
	<p>NO</p>	<p>INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</p> <p>This amendment to the Constitution would allow veterans' organizations to use the money collected from existing games of chance (such as bingo, lotto or raffles) to support their organizations. At present, the Constitution allows this money to be used only for educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited purposes. Currently, only senior citizen groups may use the money they collect from existing games of chance to support their groups .</p>

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STATEMENT

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5 Approval of this constitutional amendment would allow bona
6 fide veterans' organizations, registered with the New Jersey
7 Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and licensed by a
8 municipality, to use the net proceeds from existing games of chance
9 (such as bingo, lotto, or raffles) for the support of their
10 organizations. Currently, the net proceeds of such existing games
11 of chance are allowed to be used only for educational, charitable,
12 patriotic, religious or public-spirited purposes. Presently, only
13 senior citizen associations or clubs may use the net proceeds of
14 existing games of chance to support their organization.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM &
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 11

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 23, 2012

The Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11.

Approval of this constitutional amendment would allow bona fide veterans' organizations, registered with the New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and licensed by a municipality, to use the net proceeds from existing games of chance (such as bingo, lotto, or raffles) for the support of their organizations. Currently, the net proceeds of such existing games of chance are allowed to be used only for educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited purposes. Presently, only senior citizen associations or clubs may use the net proceeds of existing games of chance to support their organization.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2012-2013 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to: 1) replace the section of the State Constitution amended by the bill with the latest version of that section, which was approved by the electorate in November 2011; and 2) simplify the language of the question and interpretive statement accompanying the constitutional amendment, so that the change is more easily understood by the electorate when they vote to approve or disapprove it at the general election.

ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 114

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 18, 2012

The Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 114.

Approval of this constitutional amendment would allow bona fide veterans' organizations, registered with the New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and licensed by a municipality, to use the net proceeds from existing games of chance (such as bingo, lotto, or raffles) for the support of their organizations. Currently, the net proceeds of such existing games of chance are allowed to be used only for educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited purposes. Presently, only senior citizen associations or clubs may use the net proceeds of existing games of chance to support their organization.

This Assembly Concurrent Resolution is identical to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11 (1R) of the 2012-2013 session.