

1 **COMMITTEE: COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND**
2 **INTERSTATE COMMERCE**

3 **POLICY: NCSL SUPPORTS STATE SOVEREIGNTY IN**
4 **SPORTS GAMBLING**

5 **TYPE: RESOLUTION**

6 **WHEREAS**, the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) believes the federal
7 government must recognize the sovereignty of states to allow or to prohibit sports
8 gambling by its residents; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, the “Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act,” 28 U.S.C. §§ [3701-](#)
11 [3704](#) (PASPA), currently prohibits states from “sponsoring, operating, advertising, or
12 promoting sports gambling,” except for a handful of states grandfathered under the law;
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15 **WHEREAS**, the federal ban instituted under the PASPA has not prevented the conduct
16 of illegal sports gambling, but has in effect restricted the ability of all but a few states to
17 regulate and collect revenue from sport gambling wagers estimated to be in the billions
18 of dollars each year, to the detriment of state economies; and
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20 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that NCSL requests Congress recognize the
21 sovereignty of states to regulate and tax sports gambling, and repeal the federal ban on
22 sports gambling by enacting legislation that would allow state legislatures to authorize
23 sports gambling by statute. NCSL also requests that federal lawmakers be respectful of
24 state legislatures that prohibit sports gaming or other forms of gaming within their state.
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