

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 45

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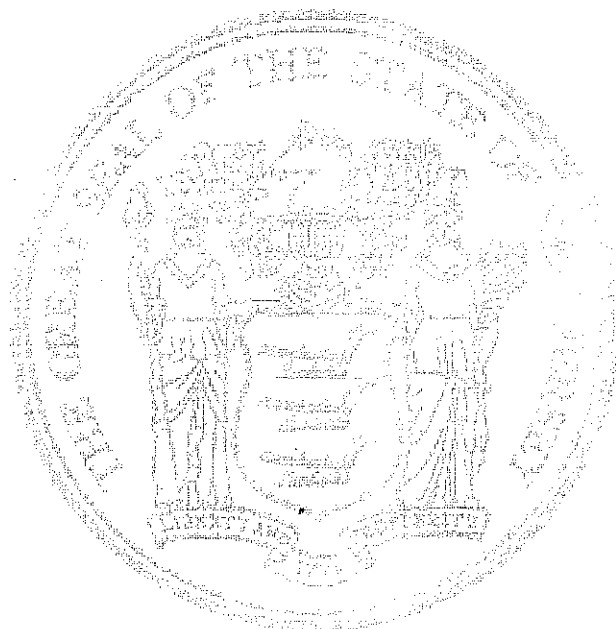
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SYNOPSIS

Urges citizens of State to recognize compulsive gambling is a treatable disorder having negative consequences for individuals with the disorder.

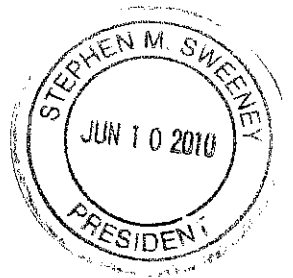
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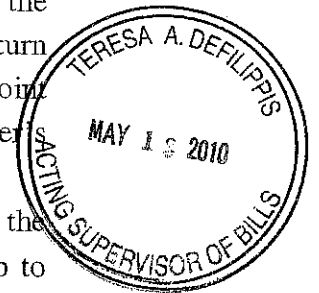


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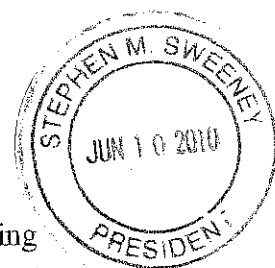


- 1 A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the citizens of the State of New
2 Jersey to recognize that compulsive gambling is a treatable
3 disorder having negative consequences for individuals with the
4 disorder.
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- 6 WHEREAS, Compulsive gambling afflicts men and women of every
7 age, race, profession and background and when it disrupts an
8 individual's life, it can lead to permanent, devastating consequences
9 for the individual gambler; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Compulsive gambling usually begins when the person is
11 young, and continues until it consumes the life of the gambler,
12 destroying his or her family, alienating the individual from friends
13 and relatives, and often resulting in financial catastrophe or
14 destructive criminal activity, or both; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Individuals who suffer from compulsive gambling cannot
16 control the impulse to gamble, even when they know it is hurting
17 them or their loved ones; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Compulsive gamblers can also have a corrosive influence
19 on the workplace when they are the ones organizing office betting
20 pools and card games that draw in a number of individuals, thereby
21 taking attention away from work, contributing to a lack of
22 productivity and profit, and negatively impacting the lives and
23 careers of the gamblers; and
- 24 WHEREAS, The American Psychiatric Association has classified
25 compulsive gambling as a diagnosable and treatable disease
26 characterized by a psychologically uncontrollable preoccupation
27 and urge to gamble, which leads to the loss of productive time and
28 money by the gambler; and
- 29 WHEREAS, Unless it is treated, compulsive gambling will reach the
30 point where it compromises, disrupts and then destroys the
31 gambler's personal and professional life, which further intensifies
32 the gambler's behavior; and
- 33 WHEREAS, To the compulsive, gambling appears to offer an easy
34 solution to some of life's most pressing problems, specifically,
35 money shortages, lack of prestige or self-esteem, feelings of
36 boredom or failure, hopelessness and defeat; and
- 37 WHEREAS, At the center of the disease is a certainty that the gambler
38 must lose, and with the continued loses there is an increase in the
39 problems that led to gambling in the first place, which leads in turn
40 to more gambling, then more problems, and then finally to a point
41 where the need to bet becomes the primary thought in the gambler's
42 life; and
- 43 WHEREAS, Treatment for compulsive gambling begins when the
44 gambler recognizes that he or she has a problem, asks for help to
45 overcome the addiction and starts to regain control of his or her life;
46 and
- 47 WHEREAS, There are many treatment options available to the gambler
48 who seeks to quit, including 12-step programs similar to Alcoholics



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1 Anonymus and cognitive-behavior therapy that focus on changing
2 unhealthy gambling behaviors, all of which have the goal of
3 keeping the individuals in recovery and away from gambling; and
4 **WHEREAS**, It is fitting and proper that this House urge the citizens of
5 the State of New Jersey to recognize that compulsive gambling is
6 a treatable disorder which results in negative consequences for
7 individuals with the disorder; now, therefore,

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9 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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11 1. This House urges the citizens of the State of New Jersey to
12 recognize that compulsive gambling is a treatable disorder, which
13 results in negative consequences for individuals with the disorder.

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15 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the
16 President of the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof, shall
17 be transmitted to the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New
18 Jersey, Inc., and all other similar organizations in this State that
19 provide treatment and services for recovering compulsive gamblers.

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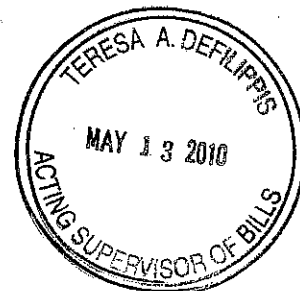
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STATEMENT

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24 This Senate resolution urges the citizens of the State of New
25 Jersey to recognize that compulsive gambling is a treatable
26 disorder, which results in negative consequences for individuals
27 with the disorder.



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SENATE RECORD

ASSEMBLY RECORD

Introduced *February 22, 2010*

Rec'd

Ref' to *SSG*

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2d Read. *May 13, 2010*

2d Read.

3d Read. *June 10, 2010*

3d Read.

Passed - Yeas *v* Nays

Passed - Yeas Nays

Abstentions



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SENATE,

June 10 20 10

This bill having been three times read in the Senate,

RESOLVED, That the same do pass.

By order of the Senate.

President of the Senate.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

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This bill having been three times read and compared in the General Assembly,

RESOLVED, That the same do pass.

By order of the General Assembly.

Speaker of the General Assembly.

SENATE,

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This bill having been three times read in the Senate,

RESOLVED, That the same do pass as amended.

By order of the Senate.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

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This bill having been three times read and compared in the General Assembly,

RESOLVED, That the same do pass as amended.

By order of the General Assembly.