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2015-2016 Regular Sessions

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Introduced by M. of A. PRETLOW -- read once and referred to the Committee on Racing and Wagering

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to subdivision 1 of section 9 of article 1 of the constitution, in relation to authorizing wagering on professional sports

1     Section 1. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That subdivision 1 of  
2 section 9 of article 1 of the constitution be amended to read as  
3 follows:  
4     1. No law shall be passed abridging the rights of the people peaceably  
5 to assemble and to petition the government, or any department thereof;  
6 nor shall any divorce be granted otherwise than by due judicial  
7 proceedings; except as hereinafter provided, no lottery or the sale of  
8 lottery tickets, pool-selling, book-making, or any other kind of gambling,  
9 except lotteries operated by the state and the sale of lottery  
10 tickets in connection therewith as may be authorized and prescribed by  
11 the legislature, the net proceeds of which shall be applied exclusively  
12 to or in aid or support of education in this state as the legislature  
13 may prescribe, except pari-mutuel betting on horse races as may be  
14 prescribed by the legislature and from which the state shall derive a  
15 reasonable revenue for the support of government, and except casino  
16 gambling at no more than seven facilities as authorized and prescribed  
17 by the legislature AND EXCEPT FOR WAGERING ON PROFESSIONAL SPORTS WHICH  
18 MAY BE AUTHORIZED BY THE LEGISLATURE, IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE  
19 LEGISLATURE FOR OFFERING AND CONDUCTING GAMING AND WAGERING, PROVIDED  
20 HOWEVER, THAT SUCH AUTHORIZATIONS SHALL BE PRECEDED BY THE ELIMINATION  
21 OF THE FEDERAL BAN ON PROFESSIONAL SPORTS WAGERING, shall hereafter be  
22 authorized or allowed within this state; and the legislature shall pass  
23 appropriate laws to prevent offenses against any of the provisions of  
24 this section.  
25     S 2. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the foregoing amendment be  
26 referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the  
27 next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be  
2 published for three months previous to the time of such election.