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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE JUSTICES ON THE RHODE ISLAND SUPREME
COURT TO GIVE A WRITTEN OPINION UPON A QUESTION OF LAW**

Introduced By: Representatives Filippi, Chippendale, Newberry, Lyle, and Place

Date Introduced: March 14, 2019

Referred To: House Judiciary

1 WHEREAS, Section 3 of Article X of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island and
2 Providence Plantations provides that "The judges of the supreme court shall give their written
3 opinion upon any question of law whenever requested by the governor or by either house of the
4 general assembly"; and

5 WHEREAS, There is currently pending before the Senate of the State of Rhode Island a
6 bill, 2019-S 37, "An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government—Video-Lottery Games, Table
7 Games and Sports Wagering," which if enacted, would authorize and provide for online sports
8 wagering through authorized hosting facilities in Rhode Island; and

9 WHEREAS, The House is in doubt as to the constitutionality of the proposed act; now,
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That in accordance with Section 3 of Article X of the Constitution of the
12 State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this House of Representatives of the State of
13 Rhode Island hereby respectfully requests the Justices of the Rhode Island Supreme Court to give
14 a written opinion upon the following question of law:

15 Would the proposed act, 2019-S 37, "An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government—
16 Video-Lottery Games, Table Games and Sports Wagering," if duly enacted into law, be violative
17 of Section 15 and Section 22 of Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island and
18 Providence Plantations?"; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That upon passage, a duly certified copy of this resolution, together with a

1 copy of the bill, is 2019-S 37, be transmitted forthwith by the reading clerk of the House to the
2 clerk of the Supreme Court, to be presented immediately to the Justices of said court for their
3 consideration.

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