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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

JOINT RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DIVISION OF LOTTERY TO WORK WITH TECHNOLOGY PROVIDERS AND CENTRAL COMPUTER SYSTEM PROVIDER TO ADDRESS THE APPLICATION OF THE PROMOTIONAL POINTS PROGRAM AND TO REPORT BACK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Introduced By: Senator Maryellen Goodwin

Date Introduced: June 12, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, According to a study commissioned by the Rhode Island Department of
2 Revenue, Christiansen Capital Advisors, LLC, anticipated competition from gaming facilities
3 recently authorized in Massachusetts could have a 25-40 percent negative impact on state
4 revenues generated from state-operated gaming in Rhode Island; and

5 WHEREAS, Competition from gaming facilities in Massachusetts present an imminent
6 threat to state-operated gaming and in Rhode Island, which constitutes the third largest source of
7 revenue to the state; and

8 WHEREAS, A substantial portion of state gaming revenue is generated from
9 Massachusetts residents; and

10 WHEREAS, There is a need to safeguard the state's ability to maximize revenues at
11 Twin River and Newport Grand in an increasingly competitive gaming market; and

12 WHEREAS, It is in the state's interest to ensure the two Rhode Island gaming facilities
13 and the related gaming industries successfully compete in a more competitive marketplace;

14 WHEREAS, Part of the strategy to protect and maximize gaming revenue is to build on
15 recent success in revenue-driving techniques, such as promotional points programs, to position
16 gaming programs for long-term success while honoring preexisting contractual rights, if
17 applicable; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence

1 Plantations hereby requests the Rhode Island Division of Lottery to work with technology
2 providers and central computer system provider to address the application of the promotional
3 points program or otherwise, at the Division's discretion, to ensure the Rhode Island gaming
4 industry and its technology providers remain competitive; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That this General Assembly hereby requests the Division of Lottery to
6 submit a status report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, and
7 the chairpersons of both the House and Senate Committees on Finance no later than February 1,
8 2013, to outline the status of this work to ensure progress is underway, to identify
9 recommendations under consideration, and to ascertain barriers to resolution of outstanding
10 issues; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Governor Lincoln Chafee, and the Director
13 of the Rhode Island Division of Lottery.

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