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NCLGS TO TAKE GIANT STEP FORWARD ON JANUARY 9 WITH *POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR INTERNET GAMING*, RELEASES PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT

Miami, Florida, November 11, 2014—The National Council of Legislators from Gaming States (NCLGS) took a giant step forward in development of its groundbreaking draft U.S. *Policy Framework for the Regulation of Internet Gaming*—releasing a revised version here at the Florida Gaming Congress in Miami, Florida, today. Proposed amendments to the model will be vetted at a special meeting on Saturday, January 10, at the upcoming NCLGS Winter Meeting, scheduled for January 9 through 11 at Paris Las Vegas in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The latest version of the model incorporates interested-party input relating to player protections, payment processing, problem gambling protections, age verification, geo-location, and player identification, taxation, regulatory authority, licensing, multi-jurisdictional agreements, enforcement , and game choice and legality. The amendments reflect interested-party suggestions responding to the first formal release of the draft of the proposed *Framework*, vetted in May, and comments received at and after the NCLGS Summer Meeting in June.

NCLGS Past President Rep. Jim Waldman (FL) said, in releasing the proposed revisions to the *Framework* at a 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. panel at the Florida Gaming Congress, entitled *Gaming Outside of South Florida: The Right Move?*, said:

Amendments to the draft *Framework* from all interested-party perspectives will prove to strengthen our already sound document and enhance the *Framework's* practical guidance for legislators considering whether iGaming is right for their states.

NCLGS President Rep. Helene Keeley (DE) asserted at its release:

The *Framework*, on schedule to be adopted at the NCLGS 2015 Winter Meeting, could profoundly impact the future of Internet gaming in this country and is a critical opportunity for NCLGS—working with regulator, industry, and other experts—to provide 'rules of the road' for states considering a new form of gaming.

NCLGS—recognizing the threats, as well as the possibilities, involved in new technology and Internet gaming—has developed the draft *Framework* over the past year to ensure that an effective system is in place for states that allow intrastate Internet gaming and that policy standards are in place to protect citizens in both states wishing to allow iGaming and those that don't, and to promote security and uniformity in those who want to form interstate Internet compacts.

The [draft](#)—as well as initial and recently received [interested-party comments](#)—is available at www.nclgs.org. Amendments have been proposed by Alderney Gambling Control Commission (AGCC), Delaware Lottery, Netsweeper Inc., North American Association of State & Provincial Lotteries (NASPL), Poker Innovations Ltd., PokerZanadu, and UC Group Limited, among others.

The NCLGS Winter Meeting will take place from January 9 through 11 at Paris Las Vegas in Las Vegas, Nevada. The State-Federal Relations Committee plans to consider and adopt a revised version of the draft *Policy Framework* on Saturday, January 7, at a 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 noon special session.

NCLGS is the only non-partisan organization of state lawmakers that meets on a regular basis to discuss issues in regard to gaming. NCLGS does not support or oppose gaming, but supports effective regulation and believes that decisions related to gaming should be made by the citizens of the individual states and their elected officials. More information is available at www.nclgs.org.

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