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NCLGS TAKES LEAD ON INTERNET GAMING PROTECTIONS IN RELEASE OF INITIAL DRAFT OF POLICY FRAMEWORK, CONTINUES TO SEEK INPUT

Coconut Creek, FL, May 16, 2014—The National Council of Legislators from Gaming States (NCLGS) today vetted an initial draft of its proposed *Policy Framework for the Regulation of Internet Gaming*. The Framework will be considered and again receive comments on June 6 at the NCLGS Summer Meeting, scheduled for June 6 through 8 at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla in San Diego, California.

The Framework, being developed by NCLGS to serve as a model for states considering Internet gaming, intends to protect both states wishing to participate in Internet gaming and those that do not. It has received previous input from interested parties in response to a December 6, 2013, NCLGS Request for Public Comment

In releasing the draft Framework, NCLGS President Rep. James Waldman (FL) said:

As a group of legislators responsible for sound gaming public policy in our respective states, NCLGS recognizes the threats, as well as the possibilities, involved in new technology and Internet gaming. NCLGS wants to ensure that an effective system is in place for those that do allow intrastate Internet gaming and that policy standards are in place to promote security and uniformity in states that may wish to form interstate Internet compacts.

The Framework, which will be considered by the NCLGS State-Federal Relations Committee, addresses, among other topics, 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.

Rep. Waldman asserted:

NCLGS looks forward to moving forward in the drafting of this vital public policy initiative. As a national legislative organization that does not support or oppose Internet gaming, NCLGS believes that the Framework should serve as a guide for states considering enacting Internet gaming legislation and perhaps multi-jurisdictional initiatives--and in order to be of the greatest help to states, it should evolve in response to emerging issues.

The draft *Policy Framework for the Regulation of Internet Gaming* is available at www.nclgs.org. Interested parties again are encouraged to comment on the draft Framework at or prior to the Committee Meeting, which is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Responses in writing are also welcome and should be e-mailed to Susan Nolan, NCLGS Executive Director, at snolan@nclgs.org.

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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