

**CHAPTER 24****(HCR 126)**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing the Legislative Research Commission to study compulsive gambling in Kentucky.

WHEREAS, the social impact of compulsive gambling has not been reviewed since the Governor's 1999 research effort regarding expanded gaming in the state; and

WHEREAS, the American Psychiatric Association clinically defines compulsive gaming as a pathological disorder that requires treatment; and

WHEREAS, the National Gambling Impact Study of 1999 contended that problem gambling then cost society at least five billion dollars (\$5,000,000,000) annually in health care and social services, creditor losses, and decreased productivity; and

WHEREAS, there exists no comprehensive study of compulsive gambling in Kentucky;

NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:*

Section 1. The House of Representatives and the Senate shall direct the Legislative Research Commission to conduct a study regarding compulsive gambling in Kentucky. The study shall include a descriptive and economic analysis of the current status of compulsive gambling in the state and data gathered from agencies, groups, organizations, and persons that provide education, assistance, and counseling to persons and families experiencing difficulty as a result of problem or pathological gambling.

Section 2. The Legislative Research Commission shall transmit the results of the study required by Section 1 of this Resolution to the appropriate committees prior to the 2004 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

Section 3. Provisions of this Resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, the Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof, and to designate a study completion date.

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