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NCLGS POISED TO PUSH AHEAD WITH INTERNET GAMING POLICY FRAMEWORK

Hollywood, FL, January 12, 2014—Here today, at the National Council of Legislators from Gaming States (NCLGS) Winter Meeting, NCLGS brought together state legislators, gaming regulators, industry representatives, consumer advocates, problem gaming groups, and other stakeholders to discuss, in a non-partisan forum, steps NCLGS is taking to help develop effective public policy in the realm of Internet gaming.

According to NCLGS President Rep. Jim Waldman (FL),

This past year was a watershed year for gaming states in the U.S., with the launch of Internet gaming websites in Delaware, Nevada, and New Jersey. As we start 2014, over nine million adults have access—for the first time—to regulated Internet gambling in the U.S. Developing effective public policy to protect consumers in both states that have Internet gambling and states that do not is crucial. NCLGS vigorously supports the rights of states to regulate gambling as the citizens of the individual states see fit, while at the same time recognizing that uniformity and cooperation on various aspects of Internet gaming will help protect consumers, block illegal activity, and foster strong, stable and diverse state economies.

In December 2013, NCLGS, in partnership with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, International Gaming Institute, released *a Request for Public Comment on the Development of an Interstate Policy Framework for the Regulation of Internet Gaming*. NCLGS is requesting public input to assist in the drafting of a sound and balanced policy framework for Internet gaming.

Interested parties have until January 31, 2014, to submit written comments to the request. Following closure of the comment period, a working group will review the comments and develop an initial set of draft policy standards to be discussed at the NCLGS Summer Meeting in June.

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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