STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BY HIS EXCELLENCY
JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR

Executive Order 2009-2

An Order Establishing a Gaming Study Commission

Whereas, the General Court has considered several recent legislative proposals to expand gaming activities and license video lottery machines at various locations in the State; and

Whereas, the State would benefit from a thorough and comprehensive review of various models for expanded gaming and their potential to generate state revenues, as well as an assessment of the social, economic and public safety impacts of gaming options on the quality of life in New Hampshire.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John H. Lynch, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, by the authority vested in me pursuant to Part II, Article 41 of the Constitution of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby order as follows:

1. There is established the Gaming Study Commission. The Commission shall undertake a thorough and comprehensive review of various models for expanded gaming and their potential to generate state revenues, as well as an assessment of the social, economic and public safety impacts of gaming options on the quality of life in New Hampshire. The Commission shall study the estimated state revenues that can be achieved through expanded gaming options as well the stability and reliability of expanded gaming as a source of state revenue. As part of its work, the Commission shall consider the various gaming models implemented or under consideration in other states.

2. The Commission shall consist of no more than 15 members appointed by the Governor consisting of public members and representatives of the following public bodies, groups or interests: the general court; law enforcement; business; tourism; local government; labor; social service organizations, and other organizations as may be appropriate.

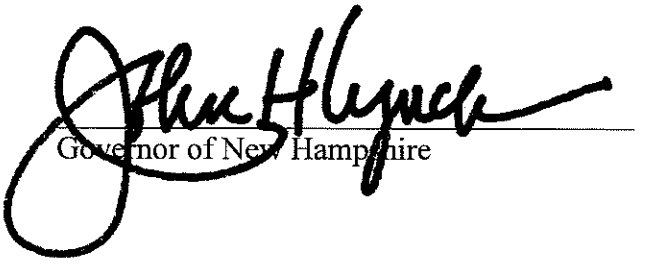
3. The chairperson and vice-chairperson shall be designated by the Governor. Members of the commission shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments were made.

4. The Commission shall meet as soon as possible after August 15, 2009.

5. The Commission shall provide an opportunity for public input during its study. In addition, all state agencies shall cooperate with the Commission and provide data, information, reports or testimony as requested by the Commission.

6. On or before October 1, 2009, the Commission shall submit to the Governor a recommended schedule outlining its anticipated work and providing a recommended deadline for the completion of work and submission of a report with its findings. On or before December 1, 2009, the Commission shall submit an interim progress report to the Governor.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 16th day of July, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and nine.



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