



A RESOLUTION

Councilmember Jim Maddox

A Resolution **to add to the City's 2005 Legislative Package** a request that the 2005 Georgia General Assembly authorize municipalities with Special Entertainment Districts the authority to institute pari-mutuel betting and/or casino gambling; and for other purposes

WHEREAS, Gambling in the State of Georgia, with certain exceptions, is illegal; and

WHEREAS, surrounding states (Alabama, North Carolina, Mississippi) have legalized various games of chance; including, but not limited to, pari-mutuel betting, and casino gambling; and

WHEREAS, it is likely that other neighboring states will follow this trend; and

WHEREAS, much-needed revenue is being taken out of Georgia into these states; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that Georgia, and its cities, remain competitive in this industry; and

WHEREAS, jurisdictions throughout the country are searching for alternative ways to fund local government services without increasing property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta's budget is especially challenged in these post-Olympic years; and

WHEREAS, that area known as Underground Atlanta in the City of Atlanta which the City has been unsuccessful in developing as a profitable enterprise, would be a possible site (among others in the City and across the state) for such a venture; and

WHEREAS, public safety initiatives, particularly, are in need of an additional infusion of funds; and

WHEREAS, revenues garnered from ventures such as casino gambling and pari-mutuel betting can be used for various local purposes; and



BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA add to its 2005 Legislative Package a request that the 2005 Session of the Georgia General Assembly authorize municipalities with Special Entertainment Districts the authority to institute pari-mutuel betting and/or casino gambling.

A true copy,

Deputy Clerk

ADOPTED by the Council
APPROVED by the Mayor

February 7, 2005
February 14, 2005

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2/07/05
4:43 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

05-R-0252

2005 LP SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS
PARI-MUTUEL BETTING OR CASINO GAMBLING
ADOPT

YEAS: 11
NAYS: 3
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 2
EXCUSED: 0
ABSENT 0

Y Smith	N Archibong	N Moore	Y Mitchell
N Starnes	Y Fauver	Y Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	NV Willis
Y Winslow	Y Muller	Y Sheperd	NV Borders

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COUNCIL

- CONSENT REFER
- REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ADVERTISE & REFER
- 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- PERSONAL PAPER

Date Referred _____
 Referred To: _____
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First Reading

Committee _____
 Date _____
 Chair _____
 Referred To _____

Committee

Date _____

Chair _____

Action _____

Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)

Other _____

Members _____

Refer To _____

Committee _____

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Members _____

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

- 2nd
- 1st & 2nd
- 3rd
- Consent
- V Vote
- RC Vote

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Paula Dargatzis
MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR'S ACTION

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