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*Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:*

**Section 1.** In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **add** section 21 to article XVIII as follows:

**Section 21. Required distances from schools in certain casino gambling jurisdictions.**

(1) NO STATE AGENCY MAY ISSUE OR RENEW A LICENSE TO CONDUCT CASINO-STYLE GAMBLING IF:

(a) ANY PORTION OF THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE USED AS THE SITE TO CONDUCT OR SUPPORT CASINO-STYLE GAMBLING IS WITHIN FIVE MILES OF A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S, MIDDLE SCHOOL'S, JUNIOR HIGH'S, OR HIGH SCHOOL'S PROPERTY LINE, PROVIDED THAT SUCH DISTANCE IS MEASURED IN A DIRECT LINE, BEGINNING AT THE POINT OF THE SCHOOL PROPERTY LINE THAT IS NEAREST TO THE POTENTIAL LICENSEE'S PROPERTY, AND WITHOUT REGARD FOR NATURAL OR MAN-MADE OBSTACLES OR BARRIERS OF ANY KIND; AND

(b) THE SCHOOL IS COMPRISED OF TEN OR MORE STUDENTS AT THE TIME THE LICENSING OR RENEWAL DECISION IS MADE.

(2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "CASINO-STYLE GAMBLING" MEANS THE USE OF SLOT MACHINES, POKER, BLACKJACK, CRAPS, ROULETTE, OR VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS, OR ANY COMBINATION THEREOF, AS THOSE TERMS ARE USED IN THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND DEFINED IN STATUTE.

(3) THIS PROHIBITION IS EFFECTIVE NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW AND SHALL APPLY IN ANY JURISDICTION THAT IS AUTHORIZED BY VOTERS FOR CASINO-STYLE GAMBLING, ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2014, BUT SHALL NOT APPLY IN JURISDICTIONS THAT WERE AUTHORIZED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2014 FOR LIMITED GAMING BY SECTION 9 OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION.