

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 783

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2017

Mr. LOBIONDO (for himself and Mr. PALLONE) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sports Gaming Oppor-  
5 tunity Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT.**

2 Section 3704(a) of title 28, United States Code, is  
3 amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (3) by striking “or” at the  
5 end,

6 (2) in paragraph (4) by striking the period at  
7 the end and inserting “; or”, and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(5) a lottery, sweepstakes, or other betting,  
10 gambling, or wagering scheme in a State authorized  
11 by such State by an applicable statute—

12 “(A) enacted on or after January 1, 2017,

13 and

14 “(B) as in effect not later than January 1,  
15 2021.”.

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