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To amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for the licensing of Internet gambling activities by the Secretary of the Treasury, to provide for consumer protections on the Internet, to enforce the tax code, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 6, 2009

Mr. Frank of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. Paul, Mr. Gutierrez, Mr. King of New York, Mr. Watt, Mr. Ackerman, Mr. Capuano, Mr. Carson of Indiana, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Delahunt, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Wexler, Ms. Berkley, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Perriello, and Mr. Sablan) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

SEPTEMBER 29, 2010

Reported from the Committee on Financial Services with an amendment [Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

SEPTEMBER 29, 2010

Referral to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and the Judiciary extended for a period not to exceed November 19, 2010

NOVEMBER 19, 2010

Committee on the Judiciary discharged; referral to the Committee on Energy and Commerce extended for a period not to exceed November 30, 2010

NOVEMBER 30, 2010

Additional sponsors: Mr. Hastings of Florida, Mr. George Miller of California, Mr. Bishop of New York, Mr. Scott of Virginia, Mr. Crowley, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Rothman of New Jersey, Mr. Filner, Mrs. McCarthy of New York, Mr. Rangel, Mr. Moran of Virginia, Mr. Driehaus, Mr. Polis of Colorado, Mr. Grijalva, Mr. Israel, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. HONDA, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. Foster, Mr. Blumenauer, Mr. Abercrombie, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. NADLER of New York, Mr. Hodes, Mr. Towns, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. TONKO, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. ADLER of New Jersey, Mr. MINNICK, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ OF California, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. MAFFEI, Ms. MARKEY of Colorado, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, Mr. Clay, Mr. Schiff, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, Mr. Smith of Washington, Mr. Larson of Connecticut, Mr. Welch, Mr. Weiner, Mr. Melancon, Mr. Engel, Mr. Wilson of Ohio, Ms. Titus, Mr. Owens, Mr. Murphy of New York, and Mr. Campbell

November 30, 2010

Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 6, 2009]

A BILL

To amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for the licensing of Internet gambling activities by the Secretary of the Treasury, to provide for consumer protections on the Internet, to enforce the tax code, and for other purposes.

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 "Internet Gambling Reg-
5	ulation, Consumer Protection, and Enforcement Act".
6	SEC. 2. FEDERAL LICENSING REQUIREMENT FOR INTERNET
7	GAMBLING OPERATORS.
8	(a) In General.—Chapter 53 of title 31, United
9	States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following
10	new subchapter:
11	"SUBCHAPTER V—REGULATION OF LAWFUL
12	INTERNET GAMBLING
13	"§ 5381. Congressional findings
14	"The Congress finds the following:
15	"(1) Since the development of the Internet, mil-
16	lions of people have chosen to gamble online, and
17	today Internet gambling is offered by operators lo-
18	cated in many different countries under a variety of
19	licensing and regulatory regimes.
20	"(2) Despite the increasing use of the Internet
21	for gambling by persons in the United States, there
22	is no Federal or State regulatory regime in place to
23	protect United States citizens who choose to engage in
24	this interstate activity, or to oversee operators to es-

1	tablish and enforce standards of integrity and fair-
2	ness.
3	"(3) In the United States, gambling activities,
4	equipment, and operations have been subject to var-
5	ious forms of Federal and State control, regulation,
6	and enforcement, with some form of gambling being
7	permitted in nearly every State and by many Indian
8	tribes.
9	"(4) Internet gambling in the United States
10	should be controlled by a strict Federal, State, and
11	tribal licensing and regulatory framework to protect
12	underage and otherwise vulnerable individuals, to en-
13	sure the games are fair, to address the concerns of lau
14	enforcement, and to enforce any limitations on the ac-
15	tivity established by the States and Indian tribes.
16	"(5) An effective Federal, State, and tribal li-
17	censing system would ensure that licenses are issued
18	only to Internet gambling operators which meet strict
19	criteria to protect consumers, and which—
20	"(A) are in good financial and legal stand-
21	ing, and of good character, honesty, and integ-
22	rity;
23	"(B) utilize appropriate technology to deter-
24	mine the age and location of users;

1	"(C) adopt and implement systems to pro-
2	tect minors and problem gamblers;
3	"(D) adopt and implement systems to en-
4	force any applicable Federal, State, and Indian
5	tribe limitations on Internet gambling; and
6	"(E) have in place risk-based methods to
7	identify and combat money laundering and
8	fraud relating to Internet gambling, and to pro-
9	tect the privacy and security of users.
10	"(6) There is a need to extend the regulatory
11	provisions of this Act to all persons, locations, equip-
12	ment, practices, and associations related to Internet
13	gambling, with each State and Indian tribe having
14	the ability to limit Internet gambling operators from
15	offering Internet gambling to persons located within
16	its territory by opting out of the provisions of this
17	Act.
18	"§ 5382. Definitions
19	"For purposes of this subchapter, the following defini-
20	tions shall apply:
21	"(1) Applicant.—The term 'applicant' means
22	any person who has applied for a license pursuant to
23	this subchapter.
24	"(2) Bet or wager.—The term bet or wager
25	has the same meaning as in section 5362(1).

- 1 "(3) Enforcement agent.—The term 'enforce2 ment agent' means any individual authorized by the
 3 Secretary to enforce the provisions of this subchapter
 4 and regulations prescribed under this subchapter.
 - "(4) Indian lands and indian tribe have the same meanings as in section 4 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.
 - "(5) Internet.—The term 'Internet' has the same meaning as in section 5362(5).
 - "(6) LICENSEE.—The term 'licensee' means an entity authorized to operate an Internet gambling facility in accordance with this subchapter.
 - "(7) OPERATE AN INTERNET GAMBLING FACIL-ITY.—The term 'operate an Internet gambling facility' or 'operation of an Internet gambling facility' means the direction, management, supervision, or control of an Internet site through which bets or wagers are initiated, received, or otherwise made, whether by telephone, Internet, satellite, or other wire or wireless communication.
 - "(8) Secretary.—The term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of the Treasury, or any person designated by the Secretary.

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1	"(9) State.—The term 'State' means any State
2	of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any
3	commonwealth, territory, or other possession of the
4	United States.
5	"(10) Sporting event.—The term 'sporting
6	event' means any athletic competition, whether profes-
7	sional, scholastic, or amateur.
8	"§ 5383. Establishment and administration of licens-
9	ing program
10	"(a) Treasury Responsibilities.—The Secretary
11	shall have responsibility for the following activities:
12	"(1) Exercising full regulatory jurisdiction
13	over—
14	"(A) the operation of Internet gambling fa-
15	cilities by licensees; and
16	"(B) the licensure and regulation of all ap-
17	plicants, except to the extent that powers have
18	been delegated to qualified State and tribal regu-
19	latory bodies pursuant to this subchapter.
20	"(2) Prescribing such regulations as may be nec-
21	essary to administer and enforce the requirements of
22	this subchapter.
23	"(3) Employing enforcement agents with suffi-
24	cient training and experience to administer the re-

quirements of this subchapter and the regulations pre-
scribed under this subchapter.
"(4) Enforcing the requirements of this sub-
chapter through all appropriate means provided
under this subchapter and other provisions of law.
"(b) Internet Gambling Licensing Program.—
"(1) Licensing required for certain inter
NET GAMBLING.—No person may operate an Interne
gambling facility that knowingly accepts bets or wa
gers from persons located in the United States with
out a license issued by the Secretary in accordance
with this subchapter.
"(2) Authority under Valid License.—A li
censee may accept bets or wagers from persons located
in the United States, subject to the limitations se
forth in this subchapter, so long as its license remains
in good standing.
"(c) Application for License.—
"(1) In general.—Any person seeking author
ity to operate an Internet gambling facility offering
services to persons in the United States may apply
for a license issued by the Secretary.
"(2) Information required.—Any application

for a license under this subchapter shall contain such

1	information as may be required by the Secretary, in-
2	cluding the following:
3	"(A) The criminal and credit history of the
4	applicant, any senior executive and director of
5	the applicant, and any person deemed to be in
6	control of the applicant.
7	"(B) The financial statements of the appli-
8	cant.
9	"(C) Documentation showing the corporate
10	structure of the applicant and all related busi-
11	nesses and affiliates.
12	"(D) Documentation containing detailed
13	evidence of the applicant's plan for complying
14	with all applicable regulations should a license
15	be issued, with particular emphasis on the appli-
16	cant's ability to—
17	"(i) protect underage and problem
18	gamblers;
19	"(ii) ensure games are being operated
20	fairly; and
21	"(iii) comply with and address the
22	concerns of law enforcement.
23	"(E) Certification that the applicant agrees
24	to submit to United States jurisdiction and all
25	applicable United States laws relating to accept-

1	ance by the applicant of bets or wagers over the
2	Internet from persons located in the United
3	States and all associated activities.
4	"(F) Certification that the applicant has es-
5	tablished a corporate entity or other separate
6	business entity in the United States, a majority
7	of whose officers are United States persons and,
8	if there is a board of directors, that the board is
9	majority-controlled by directors who are United
10	States persons.
11	"(d) Standards for License Issuance; Suit-
12	ABILITY QUALIFICATIONS AND DISQUALIFICATION STAND-
13	ARDS.—
14	"(1) Suitability for licensing standards.—
15	"(A) In general.—No person shall be eli-
16	gible to obtain a license unless the Secretary or
17	an appropriate State officer or agency has deter-
18	mined, upon completion of a background check
19	and investigation, that the applicant, and any
20	person deemed to be in control of the applicant,
21	is suitable for licensing.
22	"(B) Associates of applicants.—If the
23	applicant is a corporation, partnership, or other
24	business entity, a background check and inves-
25	tigation shall occur with respect to the president

1	or other chief executive of the corporation, part-
2	nership, or other business entity and other part-
3	ners or senior executives and directors of the cor-
4	poration, partnership, or entity, as determined
5	appropriate by the Secretary or any appropriate
6	State or tribal officer or agency.
7	"(C) Background Check and investiga-
8	TION.—The Secretary shall establish standards
9	and procedures for conducting background checks
10	and investigations for purposes of this sub-
11	section.
12	"(2) Suitability for licensing standards
13	DESCRIBED.—For purposes of this subchapter, an ap-
14	plicant and any other person associated with the ap-
15	plicant, as applicable, is suitable for licensing if the
16	applicant demonstrates to the Secretary or appro-
17	priate State or tribal officer or agency by clear and
18	convincing evidence that the applicant (or individual
19	associated with the applicant, as applicable)—
20	"(A) is a person of good character, honesty,
21	and integrity;
22	"(B) is a person whose prior activities, rep-
23	utation, habits, and associations do not—

1	"(i) pose a threat to the public interest
2	or to the effective regulation and control of
3	the licensed activities; or
4	"(ii) create or enhance the dangers of
5	unsuitable, unfair, or illegal practices,
6	methods, and activities in the conduct of the
7	licensed activities or the carrying on of the
8	business and financial arrangements inci-
9	dental to such activities;
10	"(C) is capable of and likely to conduct the
11	activities for which the applicant is licensed in
12	accordance with the provisions of this subchapter
13	and any regulations prescribed under this sub-
14	chapter;
15	"(D) has or guarantees acquisition of ade-
16	quate business competence and experience in the
17	operation of Internet gambling facilities; and
18	"(E) has or will obtain sufficient financing
19	for the nature of the proposed operation and
20	from a suitable source.
21	"(3) Unsuitable for licensing.—An appli-
22	cant or any other person may not be determined to
23	be suitable for licensing within the meaning of this
24	subchapter if the applicant or such person—

1	"(A) has failed to provide information and
2	documentation material to a determination of
3	suitability for licensing under paragraph (1);
4	"(B) has supplied information which is un-
5	true or misleading as to a material fact per-
6	taining to any such determination;
7	"(C) has been convicted of an offense pun-
8	ishable by imprisonment of more than 1 year;
9	"(D) is delinquent in filing any applicable
10	Federal or State tax returns or in the payment
11	of any taxes, penalties, additions to tax, or inter-
12	est owed to a State or the United States;
13	"(E) has, on or after the date of the enact-
14	ment of the Unlawful Internet Gambling En-
15	forcement Act of 2006—
16	"(i) knowingly participated in, or
17	should have known they were participating
18	in, any illegal Internet gambling activity,
19	including the taking of an illegal Internet
20	wager, the payment of winnings on an ille-
21	gal Internet wager, the promotion through
22	advertising of any illegal Internet gambling
23	website or service, or the collection of any
24	payments to an entity operating an illegal
25	Internet gambling website; or

1 "(ii) knowingly been owned, operated, 2 managed, or employed by, or should have 3 known they were owned, operated, managed, 4 or employed by, any person who was know-5 ingly participating in, or should have 6 known they were participating in, any ille-7 gal Internet gambling activity, including 8 the taking of an illegal Internet wager, the 9 payment of winnings on an illegal Internet 10 wager, the promotion through advertising of 11 any illegal Internet gambling website or 12 service, or the collection of any payments to 13 an entity operating an illegal Internet gam-14 bling website: "(F) has— 15 16 "(i) received any assistance, financial 17 or otherwise, from any person who has, be-18 fore the date of the enactment of the Inter-19 net Gambling Regulation, Consumer Protec-20 tion, and Enforcement Act, knowingly ac-21 cepted bets or wagers from a person located 22 in the United States in violation of Federal 23 or State law; or 24 "(ii) provided any assistance, financial

or otherwise, to any person who has, before

1	the date of the enactment of the Internet
2	Gambling Regulation, Consumer Protection,
3	and Enforcement Act, knowingly accepted
4	bets or wagers from a person located in the
5	United States in violation of Federal or
6	$State\ law;$
7	"(G) with respect to another entity that has
8	accepted a bet or wager from any individual in
9	violation of United States law, has purchased or
10	otherwise obtained—
11	"(i) such entity;
12	"(ii) a list of the customers of such en-
13	tity; or
14	"(iii) any other part of the equipment
15	or operations of such entity;
16	"(H) is listed on a State gambling excluded
17	persons list; or
18	"(I) fails to certify in writing, under pen-
19	alty of perjury, that the applicant or other such
20	person, and all affiliated business entities (in-
21	cluding all entities under common control), has
22	through its entire history—
23	"(i) not committed an intentional fel-
24	ony violation of Federal or State gambling
25	laws; and

- 1 "(ii) used diligence to prevent any
 2 United States person from placing a bet on
 3 an Internet site in violation of Federal or
 4 State gambling laws.
 - "(4) APPEAL OF DETERMINATION.—With respect to any applicant or other person that the Secretary determines is not suitable for licensing within the meaning of this subchapter by reason of subparagraph (E) or (F) of paragraph (3), and where the Secretary has not determined that such applicant or person was acting in their capacity as a managerial employee of an Internet gambling website, the Secretary shall establish an appeals process by which such applicant or person may appeal the Secretary's determination.
 - "(5) Ongoing required to be determined to be suitable for licensing in connection with such licensee) shall meet the standards necessary to be suitable for licensing throughout the term of the license.
 - "(6) Protection of the public trust.—The Secretary may take such action as is necessary to protect the public trust, including the implementation of such safeguards as may be necessary to ensure the operation of an Internet gambling facility licensed

under this subchapter is controlled only by persons
 who are suitable for licensing.

"(7) Enforcement actions.—

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"(A) Determination of unsuitability

For continued licensure.—If the Secretary

finds that an individual owner or holder of a se
curity of a licensee, or of a holding or inter
mediary company of a licensee or any person

with an economic interest in a licensee or a di
rector, partner, or officer of a licensee is not suit
able for licensing, the Secretary may determine

that the licensee is not qualified to continue as

a licensee.

"(B) ACTION TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC IN-TEREST, INCLUDING SUSPENSION.—If the Secretary may determine that the licensee is not qualified to continue as a licensee, the Secretary shall propose action necessary to protect the public interest, including, if deemed necessary, the suspension of the authority of the licensee to engage in licensed activities.

"(C) Imposition of conditions including removal of parties.—Notwithstanding a determination under subparagraph (A), the Secretary may allow a licensee to continue engaging

1	in licensed activities by imposing conditions on
2	the licensee under penalty of revocation or sus-
3	pension of the authority of the licensee to engage
4	in licensed activities, including—
5	"(i) the identification of any person
6	determined to be unsuitable for licensing;
7	and
8	"(ii) the establishment of appropriate
9	safeguards to ensure such person is excluded
10	from any interest in the licensed activities.
11	"(e) Assessments for Administrative Ex-
12	PENSES.—
13	"(1) USER FEES.—
14	"(A) In General.—The cost of admin-
15	istering this subchapter with respect to each li-
16	censee, including the cost of any review or exam-
17	ination of a licensee to ensure compliance with
18	the terms of the license and this subchapter, shall
19	be assessed by the Secretary against the licensee
20	institution by written notice in an amount ap-
21	propriate to meet the Secretary's expenses in car-
22	rying out such administration, review, or exam-
23	ination.

1	"(B) DISPOSITION.—Amounts assessed by
2	the Secretary as user fees under subparagraph
3	(A) shall—
4	"(i) be maintained by the Secretary
5	solely for use in accordance with clause (ii);
6	"(ii) be available to the Secretary to
7	cover all expenses incurred by the Secretary
8	in carrying out this subchapter; and
9	"(iii) not be construed to be Govern-
10	ment funds or appropriated monies, or sub-
11	ject to apportionment for the purposes of
12	chapter 15 or any other authority.
13	"(C) Hearing.—Any licensee against
14	whom an assessment is assessed under this para-
15	graph shall be afforded an agency hearing if
16	such person submits a request for such hearing
17	within 20 days after the issuance of the notice of
18	assessment.
19	"(D) Collection.—
20	"(i) Referral.—If any licensee fails
21	to pay an assessment under this paragraph
22	after the assessment has become final, the
23	Secretary shall recover the amount assessed
24	by action in the appropriate United States
25	$district\ court.$

1	"(ii) Appropriateness of assess-
2	MENT NOT REVIEWABLE.—In any civil ac-
3	tion under clause (i), the validity and ap-
4	propriateness of the assessment shall not be
5	subject to review.
6	"(2) Direct and exclusive obligation of li-
7	CENSEE.—The user fee shall be the direct and exclu-
8	sive obligation of the licensee and may not be de-
9	ducted from amounts available as deposits to any per-
10	son placing a bet.
11	"(f) Approval of License.—The Secretary shall
12	grant licenses under this subchapter if the applicant meets
13	the criteria set by the Secretary set forth in this subchapter
14	and in any regulations promulgated thereunder.
15	"(g) Safeguards Required of Licensee.—No per-
16	son may operate an Internet gambling facility in accord-
17	ance with this subchapter unless the person maintains or
18	requires mechanisms so that the following requirements,
19	and the standards established under section 5384, are met
20	with respect to any Internet bet or wager:
21	"(1) Legal age.—Appropriate safeguards to en-
22	sure that the individual placing a bet or wager is of
23	legal age as defined by the law of the State or tribal
24	area in which the individual is located at the time
25	the bet or wager is placed.

- 1 "(2) PERMISSIBLE LOCATION.—Appropriate
 2 safeguards to ensure that the individual placing a bet
 3 or wager is physically located in a jurisdiction that
 4 permits Internet gambling at the time the bet or
 5 wager is placed.
 - "(3) Collection of customer taxes.—Appropriate mechanisms to ensure that all taxes relating to Internet gambling from persons engaged in Internet gambling are collected at the time of any payment of any proceeds of Internet gambling.
 - "(4) Collection of taxes of licensee.—Appropriate mechanisms to ensure that all taxes relating to Internet gambling from any licensee are collected and disbursed as required by law, and that adequate records to enable later audit or verification are maintained.
 - "(5) Safeguards against financial crime.— Appropriate safeguards to combat fraud, money laundering, and terrorist finance.
 - "(6) Safeguards against compulsive gambling.—Appropriate safeguards to combat compulsive Internet gambling.
 - "(7) Privacy safeguards.—Appropriate safeguards to protect the privacy and security of any person engaged in Internet gambling.

1	"(8) Payment of assessments.—Appropriate
2	mechanisms to ensure that any assessment under sub-
3	section (e) is paid to the Secretary.
4	"(9) Other requirements.—Such other re-
5	quirements as the Secretary may establish by regula-
6	tion or order.
7	"(h) TERM AND RENEWAL OF LICENSE.—
8	"(1) TERM.—Any license issued under this sec-
9	tion shall be issued for a 5-year term beginning on
10	the date of issuance.
11	"(2) Renewal.—Licenses may be renewed in ac-
12	cordance with the requirements prescribed by the Sec-
13	retary pursuant to this subchapter.
14	"(i) Revocation of License.—
15	"(1) In General.—Any license granted under
16	this subchapter may be revoked by the Secretary if—
17	"(A) the licensee fails to comply with any
18	provision of this subchapter;
19	"(B) the licensee is determined to be unsuit-
20	able for licensing, within the meaning of this
21	subchapter; or
22	"(C) the licensee is determined to be tar-
23	geting marketing or advertising materials at in-
24	dividuals who are not of legal age to place a bet

1	or wager, as defined by the law of the State or
2	tribal area in which the individuals are located.
3	"(2) Final action.—Any revocation of a license
4	under paragraph (1) shall be treated as a final action
5	by the Secretary.
6	"(j) REGULATIONS.—The regulations prescribed by the
7	Secretary under this subchapter shall include regulations
8	to fully implement—
9	"(1) safeguards required for licensees under sub-
10	section (g); and
11	"(2) the requirements for programs relating to
12	the Problem Gambling, Responsible Gambling, and
13	Self-Exclusion Program under section 5384.
14	"(k) Administrative Provisions.—
15	"(1) General powers of secretary.—
16	"(A) In General.—The Secretary shall
17	have the authority to engage in the following:
18	"(i) Investigate the suitability of each
19	licensee to ensure compliance with this sub-
20	chapter and regulations prescribed under
21	this subchapter.
22	"(ii) Require licensees to maintain ap-
23	propriate procedures to ensure compliance
24	with this subchapter and regulations pre-
25	scribed under this subchapter.

1	"(iii) Require licensees to maintain
2	substantial facilities involved with the proc-
3	essing of bets or wagers from the United
4	States within the United States.
5	"(iv) Require that a majority of all of
6	the employees of the applicant or licensee,
7	and of its affiliated business entities, be
8	residents or citizens of the United States.
9	All entities under common control shall be
10	considered affiliated business entities for the
11	purposes of this subparagraph.
12	"(v) Require licensees to maintain in
13	the United States all facilities that are es-
14	sential to the regulation of bets or wagers
15	placed from the United States at a location
16	that is accessible to the appropriate regu-
17	latory personnel at all times.
18	"(vi) Examine any licensee and any
19	books, papers, records, or other data of li-
20	censees relevant to any recordkeeping or re-
21	porting requirements imposed by the Sec-
22	retary under this subchapter.
23	"(vii) Require licensees to maintain all
24	facilities within the United States for proc-

essing of bets or wagers made or placed from the United States.

"(viii) When determined by the Secretary to be necessary, summon a licensee or an applicant for a license, an officer or employee of a licensee or any such applicant (including a former officer or employee), or any person having possession, custody, or care of the reports and records required by the Secretary under this subchapter, to appear before the Secretary or a designee of the Secretary at a time and place named in the summons and to produce such books, papers, records, or other data, and to give testimony, under oath, as may be relevant or material to any investigation in connection with the enforcement of this subchapter or any application for a license under this subchapter.

"(ix) Investigate any violation of this subchapter and any regulation under this subchapter and any other violation of law relating to the operation of an Internet gambling facility.

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1	"(x) Conduct continuing reviews of ap-
2	plicants and licensees and the operation of
3	Internet gambling facilities by use of tech-
4	nological means, onsite observation of facili-
5	ties, including servers, or other reasonable
6	means to assure compliance with this sub-
7	chapter and any regulations promulgated
8	hereunder.
9	"(xi) Prohibit inappropriate adver-
10	tising practices by licensees, including unso-
11	licited emails targeting members of vulner-
12	able populations, including problem gam-
13	blers and minors, or Internet advertising
14	linked to search terms associated with chil-
15	dren, problem gamblers, or other topics
16	$deemed\ in appropriate.$
17	"(B) Effect of wto ruling.—Clauses
18	(iii) and (iv) of subparagraph (A) shall cease to
19	have effect if a tribunal of the World Trade Or-
20	ganization of final arbitration rules that the im-
21	plementation of such clauses would violate the
22	trade commitments of the United States under
23	the World Trade Organization.
24	"(2) Consultation with indian tribes.—In
25	implementing this subchapter, the Secretary shall

conduct meaningful consultation with Indian tribes regarding all aspects of this subchapter which affect Indian tribes, both as potential licensing entities or operating entities.

"(3) Administrative aspects of summons.—

"(A) Production at designated site.—
A summons issued pursuant to this subsection may require that books, papers, records, or other data stored or maintained at any place be produced at any business location of a licensee or applicant for a license or any designated location in any State or in any territory or other place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States not more than 500 miles distant from any place where the licensee or applicant for a license operates or conducts business in the United States.

"(B) No liability for expenses.—The United States shall not be liable for any expense incurred in connection with the production of books, papers, records, or other data under this subsection.

"(C) Service of summons.—Service of a summons issued under this subsection may be by registered mail or in such other manner cal-

1	culated to give actual notice as the Secretary
2	may prescribe by regulation.
3	"(4) Contumacy or refusal.—
4	"(A) Referral to attorney general.—
5	In case of contumacy by a person issued a sum-
6	mons under this subsection or a refusal by such
7	person to obey such summons or to allow the
8	Secretary to conduct an examination, the Sec-
9	retary shall refer the matter to the Secretary of
10	the Treasury for referral to the Attorney General.
11	"(B) Jurisdiction of court.—The Attor-
12	ney General may invoke the aid of any court of
13	the United States to compel compliance with the
14	summons within the jurisdiction of which—
15	"(i) the investigation which gave rise
16	to the summons or the examination is being
17	or has been carried on;
18	"(ii) the person summoned is an in-
19	habitant; or
20	"(iii) the person summoned carries on
21	business or may be found.
22	"(C) Court order.—The court may issue
23	an order requiring the person summoned to ap-
24	pear before the Secretary or a delegate of the Sec-
25	retary to produce books, papers, records, and

1	other data, to give testimony as may be nec-
2	essary to explain how such material was com-
3	piled and maintained, to allow the Secretary to
4	examine the business of a licensee, and to pay
5	the costs of the proceeding.
6	"(D) Failure to comply with order.—
7	Any failure to obey the order of the court may
8	be punished by the court as a contempt thereof.
9	"(E) Service of process.—All process in
10	any case under this subsection may be served in
11	any judicial district in which such person may
12	be found.
13	"(5) Compilation of datasets on player be-
14	HAVIOR.—
15	"(A) In General.—The Secretary shall
16	compile and make available to the public, on the
17	website of the Secretary, datasets on player be-
18	havior.
19	"(B) Regulations requiring submission
20	OF INFORMATION.—The Secretary shall prescribe
21	regulations to require licensees under this sub-
22	chapter to provide information on player behav-
23	ior that the Secretary determines is appropriate
24	for the datasets under subparagraph (A).

1	"(C) Information required to be in-
2	CLUDED.—Datasets prepared under this para-
3	graph shall include information on any indi-
4	vidual player, if requested by the Secretary, in-
5	cluding but not limited to information con-
6	cerning gambling frequency, gaming duration,
7	the amount wagered, the number of bets placed,
8	and net losses, provided that such request com-
9	plies with the provisions of subparagraph (D).
10	"(D) Protection of Privacy.—All infor-
11	mation provided pursuant to this paragraph
12	shall be aggregated and anonymized, and shall
13	not contain information that either alone or in
14	combination with other data elements would per-
15	mit identification of any individual player.
16	"(l) Civil Money Penalties.—
17	"(1) In general.—The Secretary may assess
18	upon any licensee or other person subject to the re-
19	quirements of this subchapter for any willful violation
20	of this subchapter or any regulation prescribed or
21	order issued under this subchapter, a civil penalty of
22	not more than the greater of—
23	"(A) the amount (not to exceed \$100,000)
24	involved in the violation, if any; or
25	"(B) \$25,000.

1	"(2) Assessment.—
2	"(A) Written notice.—Any penalty im-
3	posed under paragraph (1) may be assessed and
4	collected by the Secretary by written notice.
5	"(B) Finality of Assessment.—If, with
6	respect to any assessment under paragraph (1),
7	a hearing is not requested pursuant to subpara-
8	graph (E) within the period of time allowed
9	under such subparagraph, the assessment shall
10	constitute a final and unappealable order.
11	"(C) Authority to modify or remit
12	PENALTY.—The Secretary may compromise,
13	modify, or remit any penalty which the Sec-
14	retary may assess or has already assessed under
15	paragraph (1).
16	"(D) MITIGATING FACTORS.—In deter-
17	mining the amount of any penalty imposed
18	under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall take
19	into account the appropriateness of the penalty
20	with respect to—
21	"(i) the size of the financial resources
22	and the good faith of the person against
23	whom the penalty is assessed;
24	"(ii) the aravity of the violation:

1	"(iii) the history of previous violations;
2	and
3	"(iv) such other matters as justice may
4	require.
5	"(E) Hearing.—The person against whom
6	any penalty is assessed under paragraph (1)
7	shall be afforded an agency hearing if such per-
8	son submits a request for such hearing within 20
9	days after the issuance of the notice of assess-
10	ment.
11	"(F) Collection.—
12	"(i) Referral.—If any person fails
13	to pay an assessment after any penalty as-
14	sessed under this paragraph has become
15	final, the Secretary shall recover the amount
16	assessed by action in the appropriate
17	United States district court.
18	"(ii) Appropriateness of penalty
19	NOT REVIEWABLE.—In any civil action
20	under clause (i), the validity and appro-
21	priateness of the penalty shall not be subject
22	to review.
23	"(G) Disbursement.—All penalties col-
24	lected under authority of this subsection shall be
25	deposited into the Treasury.

1	"(3) Condition for Licensure.—Payment by
2	a licensee of any civil penalty assessed under this sub-
3	section that has become final shall be a requirement
4	for the retention of its license.
5	"(m) Treatment of Records.—In light of business
6	competition, confidentiality, and privacy concerns, the Sec-
7	retary shall protect from disclosure information submitted
8	in support of a license application under this subchapter
9	and information collected in the course of regulating licens-
10	ees to the full extent permitted by sections 552 and 552a
11	of title 5.
12	"(n) Suitability for Licensing Requirements
13	FOR CERTAIN SERVICE PROVIDERS.—
14	"(1) In General.—Any person that know-
15	ingly—
16	"(A) manages, administers, or controls bets
17	or wagers that are initiated, received, or other-
18	wise made within the United States,
19	"(B) otherwise manages or administers the
20	games with which such bets or wagers are associ-
21	ated, or
22	"(C) develops, maintains or operates, or
23	distributes or makes available for downloading
24	software, other system programs or hardware

1	that create, operate, or otherwise affect the out-
2	come of a game,
3	shall meet all of the suitability for licensing criteria
4	established under this section in the same manner
5	and to the same extent as if that person were itself
6	a licensee.
7	"(2) Suitability for licensing require-
8	MENTS FOR CERTAIN SERVICE PROVIDERS.—Any fail-
9	ure on the part of person described in any subpara-
10	graph of paragraph (1) to remain suitable for licens-
11	ing shall be grounds for revocation of the authority of
12	the licensee for whom such service is provided to oper-
13	ate an Internet gambling facility, in the same man-
14	ner and in accordance with subsection (i).
15	"(0) Reliance on State and Tribal Regulatory
16	Body Certifications of Suitability for Appli-
17	CANTS.—
18	"(1) Qualification of state and tribal reg-
19	ULATORY BODIES.—
20	"(A) APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION.—
21	Any State or tribal regulatory body with exper-
22	tise in regulating gambling may—
23	"(i) notify the Secretary of its willing-
24	ness to review prospective applicants to cer-
25	tify whether any such applicant meets the

1	qualifications established under this sub-
2	chapter; and
3	"(ii) provide the Secretary with such
4	documentation as the Secretary determines
5	necessary for the Secretary to determine
6	whether such State or tribal regulatory body
7	is qualified to conduct such review and may
8	be relied upon by the Secretary to make any
9	$such\ certification.$
10	"(B) Determination and notice.—With-
11	in 60 days after receiving any notice under sub-
12	paragraph(A)(i), the Secretary shall—
13	"(i) make the determination as to
14	whether a State or tribal regulatory body is
15	qualified to conduct a review of prospective
16	applicants and may be relied upon to cer-
17	tify whether any such applicant meets the
18	qualifications established under this sub-
19	chapter; and
20	"(ii) notify the State or tribal regu-
21	latory body of such determination.
22	"(2) Actions by qualified authorities.—
23	During the period that any determination of quali-
24	fication under paragraph (1)(B) is in effect with re-

1	spect to any such State or tribal regulatory body, the
2	State or tribal regulatory body—
3	"(A) may undertake reviews of any appli-
4	cant to determine whether the applicant or any
5	person associated with the applicant meets the
6	criteria for suitability for licensing established
7	under this subchapter;
8	"(B) may impose on each such applicant
9	an administrative fee or assessment for con-
10	ducting such review in an amount the regulatory
11	body determines to be necessary to meet its ex-
12	penses in the conduct of such review; and
13	"(C) shall process and assess each applicant
14	fairly and equally based on objective criteria, re-
15	gardless of any prior licensing of an applicant
16	by the State or tribal regulatory body.
17	"(3) Reliance on state or tribal certifi-
18	CATION.—Any applicant may provide a certification
19	of suitability for licensing made by any State or trib-
20	al regulatory body under paragraph (2), together with
21	all documentation the applicant has submitted to any
22	such State or tribal regulatory body, to the Secretary,
23	and any such certification and documentation shall
24	be relied on by the Secretary as evidence that an ap-

- plicant has met the suitability for licensing require ments under this section.
- "(4) AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY TO REVIEW.— Notwithstanding any certification of suitability for li-censing made by any State or tribal regulatory body, the Secretary retains the authority to review, with-hold, or revoke any license if the Secretary has reason to believe that any applicant or licensee does not meet the suitability requirements for licensing established under this section, or any other requirement of a li-censee.
 - "(5) Reliance on Qualified Regulatory
 BODY FOR OTHER PURPOSES, INCLUDING EXAMINATION AND ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary shall rely
 on any State and tribal regulatory body found qualified under this subsection for such other regulatory
 and enforcement activities as the Secretary finds to be
 useful and appropriate to carry out the purposes of
 this subchapter, including authority under paragraph
 (6).
 - "(6) Additional authority of qualified state or tribal authorities may—

1	"(A) examine licensees who are licensed
2	under a State or tribal program referred to in
3	paragraph (1);
4	"(B) employ enforcement agents with suffi-
5	cient training and experience to administer the
6	requirements of this subchapter; and
7	"(C) enforce any requirement of this sub-
8	chapter that is within the jurisdiction of the
9	qualified state or tribal authority through all ap-
10	propriate means provided under this subchapter
11	and other provisions of law.
12	"(7) REVOCATION OF QUALIFICATION.—The Sec-
13	retary may revoke, at any time and for any reason,
14	the qualification of any State or tribal regulatory
15	body to certify or to conduct any other regulatory or
16	enforcement activity to carry out the purposes of this
17	subchapter.
18	"(p) Prevention of Minors From Placing Bets
19	OR WAGERS.—The Secretary shall—
20	"(1) frequently monitor, evaluate, and measure
21	compliance effectiveness of each licensee's software,
22	mechanisms, and other systems for preventing minors
23	from placing bets or wagers through the Internet site
24	of the licensee; and

1	"(2) impose a sanction of either a fine, a revoca-
2	tion of license, or both, on a licensee whose minor pro-
3	tection software, mechanisms, and other systems are
4	found to be insufficiently effective.
5	"(q) Requirements With Respect to Child Sup-
6	PORT DELINQUENTS.—
7	"(1) In general.—When it is made known to
8	the Secretary by a Federal or State court or a com-
9	petent State agency involved with the administration
10	or enforcement of a court-ordered child support pay-
11	ment that a particular individual is delinquent with
12	respect to court-ordered child support payments, the
13	Secretary shall include that individual on the list es-
14	tablished under section $5384(c)(1)(A)$.
15	"(2) Removal from list.—Individuals placed
16	on the list pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be re-
17	moved from such list if the court or agency that made
18	such individual's delinquency known to the Secretary
19	notifies the Secretary that such individual is no
20	longer delinquent.
21	"§ 5384. Problem Gambling, Responsible Gambling,
22	Consumer Safeguards, and Self-Exclusion
23	Program
2324	Program "(a) Regulations Required.—The Secretary and

1	under subsection 5383(o) shall prescribe regulations for the
2	development of a Problem Gambling, Responsible Gam-
3	bling, Consumer Safeguards, and Self-Exclusion Program
4	on the basis of standards that each licensee shall implement
5	as a condition of licensure.
6	"(b) Minimum Requirements.—
7	"(1) In general.—Any application for a license
8	shall include a submission to the Secretary or quali-
9	fied State or tribal regulatory body setting forth a
10	comprehensive program that is intended—
11	"(A) to verify the identity and age of each
12	customer through the use of commercially avail-
13	able data sources or any approved government
14	database that is available for access in real-time
15	through an automated process;
16	"(B) to ensure that no customers under the
17	legal age 21 may initiate or otherwise make any
18	bets or wagers for real money;
19	"(C) to verify the State or tribal land in
20	which the customer is located at the time the cus-
21	tomer attempts to initiate a bet or wager;
22	"(D) to ensure that no customer who is lo-
23	cated in a State or tribal land that opts out pur-
24	suant to section 5387 can initiate or otherwise
25	make a bet or wager prohibited by such opt-out;

"(E) to ensure that responsible gambling materials including materials on problem gambling, services and resources to address problem gambling, descriptions of games offered by the licensee, and when appropriate, odds of winning or payout rates of games, and any other materials that the Secretary or qualified State or tribal regulatory body may deem appropriate are made available to customers;

"(F) to make available player-selectable responsible gambling options that may include, as appropriate to specific gambling games, a stake limit, loss limit, time-based loss limits, deposit limit, session time limit, time-based exclusion from all gambling and other similar options that the Secretary or qualified State or tribal regulatory body may deem appropriate and require to be made available;

"(G) to require each customer, before making or placing any bet or wager, to establish personal limits as a condition of play that apply across all betting sites, which may be in hourly, daily, weekly or monthly increments, at the discretion of the customer;

1	"(H) to protect the privacy and security of
2	any customer in connection with any lawful
3	Internet gambling activity;
4	"(I) to protect against fraud and to provide
5	for dispute resolution relating to internet gam-
6	bling activity through programs to insure the in-
7	tegrity and fairness of the games; and
8	"(J) to protect against money laundering
9	relating to Internet gambling activities.
10	"(2) Requirements for programs ensuring
11	INTEGRITY AND FAIRNESS.—The programs referred to
12	in paragraph $(1)(I)$ to insure the integrity and fair-
13	ness of the games shall include requirements for—
14	"(A) real-time, multiparty cryptographic
15	protocols for random number generation where 1
16	of the parties is the player;
17	"(B) secure audit trails;
18	"(C) detailed player betting logs that record
19	and store each wager placed by the player;
20	"(D) real time confirmation of high value
21	bets or wagers, where appropriate; or
22	"(E) equally effective options that the Sec-
23	retary or qualified State or tribal regulatory of-
24	ficer or agency may determine to be appropriate.
25	"(c) Periodic Review.—

1	"(1) In general.—The Secretary shall, on a
2	regular basis, review the minimum requirements
3	under this section and may, based on the best avail-
4	able technology, update the standards that each li-
5	censee shall implement as a condition of licensure.
6	"(2) Consultation.—In conducting the review
7	required under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall
8	consult with—
9	"(A) State and tribal gaming regulatory of-
10	ficials;
11	"(B) law enforcement officials;
12	"(C) experts in underage and problem gam-
13	ing;
14	"(D) experts on individual privacy;
15	$``(E)\ consumers;$
16	"(F) on-line retailers of other age restricted
17	materials such as tobacco and alcohol products;
18	"(G) licensees and other representatives of
19	the gaming industry;
20	"(H) software developers with expertise in
21	gaming, privacy, the payments systems avail-
22	able, and other relevant areas; and
23	"(I) such other relevant individuals as the
24	Secretary may determine to be appropriate.

1	"(d) List of Persons Self-excluded From Gam-
2	BLING ACTIVITIES.—
3	"(1) Establishment.—
4	"(A) In General.—The Secretary shall
5	provide by regulation for the establishment of a
6	list of persons self-excluded from gambling ac-
7	tivities at all licensee sites.
8	"(B) Placement request.—Any person
9	may request placement on the list of self-excluded
10	persons by—
11	"(i) acknowledging in a manner to be
12	established by the Secretary that the person
13	wishes to be denied gambling privileges; and
14	"(ii) agreeing that, during any period
15	of voluntary exclusion, the person may not
16	collect any winnings or recover any losses
17	resulting from any gambling activity at
18	any licensee sites.
19	"(2) Placement and removal procedures.—
20	The regulations prescribed by the Secretary under
21	paragraph (1)(A) shall establish procedures for place-
22	ments on, and removals from, the list of self-excluded
23	persons.
24	"(3) Limitation on liability.—

1	"(A) In General.—The United States, the
2	Secretary, an enforcement agent, or a licensee, or
3	any employee or agent of the United States, the
4	Secretary, an enforcement agent, or a licensee,
5	shall not be liable to any self-excluded person or
6	to any other party in any judicial or adminis-
7	trative proceeding for any harm, monetary or
8	otherwise, which may arise as a result of—
9	"(i) any failure to withhold gambling
10	privileges from, or to restore gambling
11	privileges to, a self-excluded person; or
12	"(ii) otherwise permitting a self-ex-
13	cluded person to engage in gambling activ-
14	ity while on the list of self-excluded persons.
15	"(B) Rule of construction.—No provi-
16	sion of subparagraph (A) shall be construed as
17	preventing the Director from assessing any regu-
18	latory sanction against a licensee for failing to
19	comply with the minimum standards prescribed
20	pursuant to this subsection.
21	"(4) Disclosure provisions.—
22	"(A) In general.—Notwithstanding any
23	other provision of Federal or State law, the list
24	of self-excluded persons shall not be open to pub-
25	lic inspection.

1 "(B) Affiliate disclosure.—Any licens-2 ees may disclose the identities of persons on the 3 self-excluded list to any affiliated company or, 4 where required to comply with this subsection, 5 any service provider, to the extent that the li-6 censee ensures that any affiliated company or 7 service provider maintains such information 8 under confidentiality provisions comparable to 9 those in this subsection.

> "(5) Limitation on liability for disclo-Sure.—A licensee or an employee, agent, or affiliate of a licensee shall not be liable to any self-excluded person or to any other party in any judicial proceeding for any harm, monetary or otherwise, which may arise as a result of disclosure or publication in any manner.

"(e) Gambling by Prohibited Persons.—

"(1) Prohibition benefitting from prohibited from gambling with a licensee by law, or by order of the Secretary or any court of competent jurisdiction, including any person on the self-exclusion list as established in accordance with subsection (d), shall not collect, in any manner or proceeding, any

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1	winnings or recover any losses arising as a result of
2	any prohibited gambling activity.
3	"(2) Forfeiture.—In addition to any other
4	penalty provided by law, any money or thing of value
5	that has been obtained by, or is owed to, any prohib-
6	ited person by a licensee as a result of bets or wagers
7	made by a prohibited person shall be subject to for-
8	feiture by order of the Secretary, following notice to
9	the prohibited person and opportunity to be heard.
10	"(3) Deposit of forfeited funds.—Any
11	funds forfeited pursuant to this subsection shall be de-
12	posited into the general fund of the Treasury.
13	"(4) Persons self-excluded.—Licensees may
14	not accept bets or wagers from persons on the list es-
15	tablished pursuant to subsection $(d)(1)(A)$.
16	"(f) Problem or Compulsive Gamblers Not on
17	The List of Self-excluded Persons.—
18	"(1) Public Awareness Program.—
19	"(A) In General.—The Secretary and any
20	State or tribal regulatory body that has been
21	qualified under subsection 5383(o) shall provide
22	by regulation for the establishment of a program
23	to alert the public to the existence, consequences,
24	and availability of the self-exclusion list, and

- shall prepare and promulgate written materials
 to be used in such a program.
- 3 "(B) LICENSEE-PROVIDED PUBLICITY.—
 4 Regulations prescribed under subparagraph (A)
 5 may require a licensee to make available lit6 erature or screen displays relating to the exist7 ence of the program.
 - "(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—No provision of this subsection shall be construed as creating a legal duty in the Secretary, a qualified State or tribal regulatory body, a licensee, or any representative of a licensee to identify or to exclude problem or compulsive gamblers not on the list of self-excluded persons.
 - "(3) Immunity.—The United States, the Secretary, a qualified State or tribal regulatory body, a licensee, and any employee or agent of a licensee, shall not be liable to any person in any proceeding for losses or other damages of any kind arising out of that person's gambling activities based on a claim that the person was a compulsive, problem, or pathological gambler.

22 "§ 5385. Financial transaction providers

23 "(a) In General.—No financial transaction provider 24 shall be held liable for engaging in financial activities and 25 transactions for or on behalf of a licensee or involving a

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1	licensee, including payments processing activities, unless
2	such provider has knowledge that the specific financial ac-
3	tivities or transactions are conducted in violation of this
4	subchapter and with applicable Federal and State laws.
5	"(b) Definitions.—For purposes of this section, the
6	following definitions shall apply:
7	"(1) Financial transaction provider.—The
8	term 'financial transaction provider' means a cred-
9	itor, credit card issuer, financial institution, operator
10	of a terminal at which an electronic fund transfer
11	may be initiated, money transmitting business, or
12	international, national, regional, or local payment
13	network utilized to effect a credit transaction, elec-
14	tronic fund transfer, stored value product transaction,
15	or money transmitting service, or a participant in
16	such network, or other participant in a payment sys-
17	tem.
18	"(2) Other terms.—
19	"(A) Credit, creditor, credit card, and
20	CARD ISSUER.—The terms 'credit', 'creditor',
21	'credit card', and 'card issuer' have the meanings
22	given the terms in section 103 of the Truth in
23	$Lending\ Act.$
24	"(B) Electronic fund transfer.—The
25	term 'electronic fund transfer'—

1	"(i) has the meaning given the term in
2	section 903 of the Electronic Fund Transfer
3	Act, except that the term includes transfers
4	that would otherwise be excluded under sec-
5	tion $903(6)(E)$ of such Act; and
6	"(ii) includes any fund transfer cov-
7	ered by Article 4A of the Uniform Commer-
8	cial Code, as in effect in any State.
9	"(C) Financial institution.—The term
10	'financial institution' has the meaning given the
11	term in section 903 of the Electronic Fund
12	Transfer Act, except that such term does not in-
13	clude a casino, sports book, or other business at
14	or through which bets or wagers may be placed
15	$or\ received.$
16	"(D) Insured depository institution.—
17	The term 'insured depository institution'—
18	"(i) has the meaning given the term in
19	section 3(c) of the Federal Deposit Insur-
20	ance Act; and
21	"(ii) includes an insured credit union
22	(as defined in section 101 of the Federal
23	Credit Union Act).
24	"(E) Money transmitting business and
25	MONEY TRANSMITTING SERVICE.—The terms

1	'money transmitting business' and 'money trans-
2	mitting service' have the meanings given the
3	terms in section 5330(d) (determined without re-
4	gard to any regulations prescribed by the Sec-
5	retary under such section).
6	"§ 5386. List of unlawful Internet gambling enter-
7	prises
8	"(a) Definitions.—For purposes of this section, the
9	following definitions shall apply:
10	"(1) Unlawful internet gambling enter-
11	PRISE.—The term 'unlawful Internet gambling enter-
12	prise' means any person who, more than 10 days
13	after the date of the enactment of this section—
14	"(A) violates a provision of section 5363;
15	"(B) knowingly receives or transmits funds
16	intended primarily for a person described in
17	subparagraph (A); or
18	"(C) knowingly assists in the conduct of a
19	person described in subparagraph (A) or (B).
20	"(2) DIRECTOR.—The term 'Director' means the
21	Director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Net-
22	work.
23	"(b) List of Unlawful Internet Gambling En-
24	TERPRISES —

1	"(1) In General.—Not later than 120 days
2	after the date of the enactment of this section, the Di-
3	rector shall submit to the Secretary a list of unlawful
4	Internet gambling enterprises and shall regularly up-
5	date such list in accordance with the procedures de-
6	scribed in paragraph (3).
7	"(2) Contents of list.—The list prepared
8	under paragraph (1) shall include the following infor-
9	mation for each such unlawful Internet gambling en-
10	terprise:
11	"(A) All known Internet website addresses
12	of the enterprise.
13	"(B) The names of all known owners and
14	operators of the enterprise.
15	"(C) To the extent known, information
16	identifying the financial agents and account
17	numbers of the enterprise and the persons listed
18	$under\ subparagraph\ (B).$
19	"(3) Distribution of list by secretary.—
20	The Secretary shall make available—
21	"(A) a copy of the information provided
22	under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph
23	(2) on the Internet website of the Secretary of the
24	Treasuru:

1 "(B) to all persons who are required to com2 ply with the regulations prescribed under the au3 thority provided in section 5364 a copy of all the
4 information provided under paragraph (1) in an
5 electronic format compatible with the Specially
6 Designated Nationals list maintained by the Of7 fice of Foreign Assets Control; and

- "(C) any information required under this paragraph not later than 10 days after receiving any new or updated list from the Director.
- "(4) Procedures.—The procedures described in this paragraph are the following:

"(A) Investigate entities that appear to be unlawful Internet gambling enterprises. An initial investigation shall be completed before the end of the 60-day period beginning on the date of enactment of this section. After the initial investigation, the Director shall regularly investigate entities that appear to be unlawful Internet gambling enterprises. If the Director discovers evidence sufficient to prove a prima facie case that any person is an unlawful Internet gambling enterprise, the Director shall provide the notice required under subparagraph (C).

1 "(B) REQUESTS.—Any Federal, State, trib-2 al, or local law enforcement official, any affected 3 sports organization, any person directly harmed 4 by unlawful Internet gambling, any financial 5 transaction provider, and any interactive com-6 puter service (as such terms are defined in sec-7 tion 5362) shall have the right, but not the obli-8 gation, to make a written request to the Director 9 for the addition of any person to the list of un-10 lawful Internet gambling enterprises. If the Di-11 rector determines that the evidence submitted is 12 sufficient to prove a prima facie case that such person is an unlawful Internet gambling enter-13 14 prise, the Director shall provide the notice re-15 quired under subparagraph (C) to each person 16 identified as an alleged unlawful Internet gam-17 bling enterprise. The Director also shall provide 18 written notice of its decision under this subpara-19 graph, including a decision not to add a person 20 to the list required under paragraph (1), to the 21 requesting party no later than 30 days after the 22 request is received.

> "(C) Notice.—Not fewer than 30 days before adding an unlawful Internet gambling enterprise, or an owner or operator thereof, to the

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list required under paragraph (1), the Director shall provide written notice to such enterprise, owner, or operator. Any enterprise, owner, or operator receiving such notice may contest the Director's determination by written appeal to the Director not more than 30 days after receiving notice.

"(D) Opportunity for hearing.—If a person properly submits a written appeal under subparagraph (C), the Director shall not include such person in the list required under paragraph (1) unless and until the Director provides such person with an opportunity for a hearing not more than 30 days after receiving written notice of appeal. Not more than 10 days after an opportunity for hearing is afforded, whether or not the person requesting the hearing appears at such hearing, the Director shall proceed to add such person to the list of unlawful Internet gambling enterprises unless the Director determines, based on a preponderance of the evidence, that such person is not an unlawful Internet gambling enterprise.

"(E) Injunctive relief.—Any person that the Director determines shall be included in

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the list required under paragraph (1) after such person appears at a hearing described in subparagraph (D) and any person included in such list who did not receive the notice required under subparagraph (C), may petition for injunctive relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, which shall have exclusive jurisdiction to hear challenges pursuant to this section. The petitioner shall have the burden of establishing by a preponderance of the evidence that such person is not an unlawful Internet gambling enterprise. Only persons designated by the Director for inclusion on the list of unlawful Internet gambling enterprises, and other owners or operators of an enterprise to be so listed, shall have standing to contest the Director's determination. The court may enjoin the Director and the Secretary not to add or remove the petitioner from the list of unlawful Internet gambling enterprises, and no other judicial recourse shall be permitted.

"(c) Effect of List.—A financial transaction provider shall be deemed to have actual knowledge that a person is an unlawful Internet gambling enterprise to the extent that such person is identified on the list available to

- 1 the public, or on a non-public list made available to such
- 2 financial transaction provider, by the Secretary as de-
- 3 scribed in subsection (b)(2), provided that the list shall not
- 4 be deemed to be the sole source of actual knowledge.

5 "§ 5387. Limitation of licenses in States and Indian

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"(a) State Opt-Out Exercise.—

"(1) Limitations imposed by states.—

"(A) In GENERAL.—No licensee may engage, under any license issued under this subchapter, in the operation of an Internet gambling facility that knowingly accepts bets or wagers initiated by persons who reside in any State which provides notice that it will limit such bets or wagers, if the Governor or other chief executive officer of such State informs the Director of such limitation, in a manner which clearly identifies the nature and extent of such limitation, before the end of the period beginning on the date of the enactment of the Internet Gambling Regulation, Consumer Protection, and Enforcement Act and ending on the date on which such State's legislature has conducted one full general legislative session, where such session began after the date of the enactment of such Act, or in ac-

1	cordance with paragraph (2), until such time as
2	any notice of any amendment or repeal of such
3	specific limitation becomes effective under para-
4	graph (2).
5	"(B) Coordination between state and
6	Tribal opt-out exercises.—Any State limita-
7	tion under subparagraph (A) shall not apply to
8	the acceptance by a licensee of bets or wagers
9	from persons located within the tribal lands of
10	an Indian tribe that—
11	"(i) has itself opted out pursuant to
12	subsection (b) (in which case the tribal opt-
13	out exercise under such subsection shall
14	apply); or
15	"(ii) would be entitled pursuant to
16	other applicable law to permit such bets or
17	wagers to be initiated and received within
18	its territory without use of the Internet.
19	"(C) Coordination with Indian gaming
20	regulatory act.—No decision by a State
21	under this subsection shall be considered in mak-
22	ing any determination with regard to the ability
23	of an Indian tribe to offer any class of gambling
24	activity pursuant to section 11 of the Indian
25	Gaming Regulatory Act.

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1	"(D) Tribal status or category not im-
2	PACTED.—Tribal operations of Internet gam-
3	bling facilities under this subchapter shall not
4	impact an Indian tribe's status or category or
5	class under its land-based activities.
6	"(E) New negotiations not required.—
7	Operating under a license issued pursuant to
8	this subchapter shall not require, or impose any

requirement on, an Indian tribe to negotiate a new agreement, or renegotiate any existing agreement, limitation or other provision of a tribal-State compact, agreement, or other understanding with respect to gaming or revenue-sharing, with regard to any Internet bet or wager occurring pursuant to a license issued by the Secretary under this subchapter.

"(2) Changes to state limitations.—The establishment, repeal, or amendment by any State of any limitation referred to in paragraph (1) after the end of the period referred to in paragraph (1) shall apply, for purposes of this subchapter, beginning on the first January 1 that occurs after the end of the 60-day period beginning on the later of—

"(A) the date a notice of such establishment, repeal, or amendment is provided by the Gov-

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ernor or other chief executive officer of such State
 in writing to the Secretary; or

3 "(B) the effective date of such establishment, 4 repeal, or amendment.

"(b) Indian Tribe Opt-Out Exercise.—

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"(1) LIMITATIONS *IMPOSED* BYINDIAN TRIBES.—No Internet gambling licensee knowingly may accept a bet or wager from a person located in the tribal lands of any Indian tribe which limits such gambling activities or other contests if the principal chief or other chief executive officer of such Indian tribe informs the Secretary of such limitation, in a manner which clearly identifies the nature and extent of such limitation, before the end of the 90-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of the Internet Gambling Regulation, Consumer Protection, and Enforcement Act, or in accordance with paragraph (2), until such time as any notice of any amendment or repeal of such specific limitation becomes effective under paragraph (2).

"(2) Changes to indian tribe Limitations.—
The establishment, repeal, or amendment by any Indian tribe of any limitation referred to in paragraph
(1) after the end of the 90-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this subchapter shall

1	apply, for purposes of this subchapter, beginning on
2	the first January 1 that occurs after the end of the
3	60-day period beginning on the later of—
4	"(A) the date a notice of such establishment,
5	repeal, or amendment is provided by the prin-
6	cipal chief or other chief executive officer of such
7	Indian tribe in writing to the Secretary; or
8	"(B) the effective date of such establishment,
9	repeal, or amendment.
10	"(c) Notification and Enforcement of State and
11	Indian Tribe Limitations.—
12	"(1) In general.—The Secretary shall notify
13	all licensees and applicants of all States and Indian
14	tribes that have provided notice pursuant to para-
15	graph (1) or (2) of subsection (a) or (b), as the case
16	may be, promptly upon receipt of such notice and in
17	no event fewer than 30 days before the effective date
18	of such notice.
19	"(2) Compliance.—The Secretary shall take ef-
20	fective measures to ensure that any licensee under this
21	subchapter, as a condition of the license, complies
22	with any limitation or prohibition imposed by any
23	State or Indian tribe to which the licensee is subject
24	under subsection (a) or (b), as the case may be.

"(3) VIOLATIONS.—It shall be a violation of this subchapter for any licensee knowingly to accept bets or wagers initiated or otherwise made by persons located within any State or in the tribal lands of any Indian tribe for which a notice is in effect under subsection (a) or (b), as the case may be.

"(4) State attorney general of a State, or any State or local law enforcement agency authorized by the State attorney general or by State statute to prosecute violations of consumer protection law, has reason to believe that an interest of the residents of that State has been or is threatened or adversely affected by a violation by a licensee pursuant to paragraph (2), the State, or the State or local law enforcement agency on behalf of the residents of the agency's jurisdiction, may bring a civil action on behalf of the residents of that State or jurisdiction in a district court of the United States located therein, to—

"(A) enjoin that practice; or

22 "(B) enforce compliance with this sub-23 chapter.

1 "§ 5388. Sports betting prohibited on Internet

- 2 "No licensee under this subchapter shall accept Inter-
- 3 net bets or wagers on sporting events, with the exception
- 4 of pari-mutuel racing as permitted by law.
- 5 "§ 5389. Prohibition on the use of credit cards for
- 6 Internet gambling
- 7 "(a) In General.—No licensee, no person operating
- 8 on behalf of a licensee, and no person accepting payment
- 9 for or settlement of a bet or wager who intends to transmit
- 10 such payment to a person licensee, may accept a bet or
- 11 wager or payment for or settlement of a bet or wager that
- 12 is transmitted or otherwise facilitated with a credit card
- 13 (as defined in section 5362(11)).
- 14 *"(b) Exception.*—
- 15 "(1) Clarification of scope.—For any person
- licensed to take bets or wagers in accordance with the
- 17 Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978, the prohibition in
- subsection (a) shall only apply to those activities con-
- ducted pursuant to a license under this subchapter.
- 20 "(2) Intrastate activities.—For any person
- 21 involved in legal, land-based or State- or tribal-regu-
- 22 lated intrastate gambling, the prohibition in sub-
- section (a) shall only apply to those activities con-
- 24 ducted pursuant to a license under this subchapter.

1 "§ 5390. State and tribal lotteries

- 2 "(a) In General.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
- 3 sion of this subchapter, this subchapter shall not apply to
- 4 Internet gambling conducted by any State or tribal lottery
- 5 authority when conducted in accordance with subparagraph
- 6 (B) or (C) of section 5362(10), as clarified by section
- 7 5362(10)(E).
- 8 "(b) Rule of Construction.—For purposes of the
- 9 clarification made by subparagraph (E) of section 5362(10)
- 10 to the meaning and intent of subparagraphs (B) and (C)
- 11 of such section, Internet gambling described in subsection
- 12 (a) is hereby expressly permitted, and operators of any
- 13 State or tribal lottery authority conducting Internet gam-
- 14 bling facilities operating in accordance with such subpara-
- 15 graph (B) or (C), as clarified by such subparagraph (E),
- 16 and vendors, suppliers and service providers to such State
- 17 or tribal lottery authority, shall not be required to be li-
- 18 censed under this subchapter.
- 19 "(c) Applicability of Other Provisions to Lot-
- 20 TERY ACTIVITY.—To clarify existing law, section 1084 of
- 21 title 18 shall not apply to any of the following that occurs
- 22 in connection with any Internet gambling conducted by any
- 23 State or tribal lottery authority when conducted in accord-
- 24 ance with subparagraph (B) or (C) of section 5362(10), as
- 25 clarified by section 5362(10)(E):

1	"(1) Any Internet bet or wager, including any
2	transmission thereof.
3	"(2) Any transmission of information assisting
4	in the placing of bets or wagers.
5	"(3) any transmission entitling the recipient to
6	receive money or credit as a result of bets or wagers,
7	or for information assisting in the placing of bets or
8	wagers.
9	"(d) Authorization of Sponsor.—No licensee may
10	offer services relating to any lottery sponsored by a State,
11	tribal, or other governmental body without the authoriza-
12	tion of the official sponsor.
13	"§ 5391. Safe harbors
14	"It shall be a complete defense against any prosecution
15	or enforcement action under any Federal or State law
16	against any person possessing a valid license under this
17	subchapter that the activity is authorized under and has
18	been carried out lawfully under the terms of this subchapter.
19	"§ 5392. Relation to section 1084 of title 18 and the
20	Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement
21	$oldsymbol{Act}$
22	"Section 1084 of title 18 and subchapter IV of this
23	chapter shall not apply to any Internet bet or wager occur-
24	ring pursuant to a license issued in accordance with this
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1 "§ 5393. Cheating and other fraud

- 2 "(a) Electronic Cheating Devices Prohibited.—
- 3 No person initiating, receiving, or otherwise making a bet
- 4 or wager with a licensee, or sending, receiving, or inviting
- 5 information assisting with a bet or wager with a licensee,
- 6 knowingly shall use, or assist another in the use of, an elec-
- 7 tronic, electrical, or mechanical device which is designed,
- 8 constructed, or programmed specifically for use in obtain-
- 9 ing an advantage in any game authorized under this sub-
- 10 chapter, where such advantage is prohibited or otherwise
- 11 violates the rules of play established by the licensee.
- 12 "(b) Additional Offense.—No person initiating, re-
- 13 ceiving, or otherwise making a bet or wager with a licensee,
- 14 or sending, receiving, or inviting information assisting
- 15 with a bet or wager with a licensee, knowingly shall use
- 16 or possess any cheating device with intent to cheat or de-
- 17 fraud any licensee or other persons placing bets or wagers
- 18 with such licensee.
- 19 "(c) Permanent Injunction.—Upon conviction of a
- 20 person for violation of this section, the court may enter a
- 21 permanent injunction enjoining such person from initi-
- 22 ating, receiving, or otherwise making bets or wagers or
- 23 sending, receiving, or inviting information assisting in the
- 24 placing of bets or wagers.

1	"(d) Criminal Penalty.—Whoever violates subsection
2	(a) or (b) of this section shall be fined under title 18 or
3	imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.".
4	(b) Rules of Construction.—
5	(1) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-
6	MENT.—Section 310(b)(2) of title 31, United States
7	Code is amended—
8	(A) by redesignating subparagraph (I) as
9	subparagraph (K); and
10	(B) by inserting after subparagraph (I) the
11	following new subparagraph:
12	"(J) Administer the requirements of sub-
13	chapter V of chapter 53.".
14	(c) Clerical Amendment.—The table of sections for
15	chapter 53 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by
16	adding at the end the following:
	"SUBCHAPTER V—REGULATION OF LAWFUL INTERNET GAMBLING
	 "5381. Congressional findings. "5382. Definitions. "5383. Establishment and administration of licensing program. "5384. Problem Gambling, Responsible Gambling, Consumer Safeguards, and Self-
	Exclusion Program. "5385. Financial transaction providers. "5386. List of unlawful Internet gambling enterprises. "5387. Limitation of licenses in States and Indian lands.
	"5388. Sports betting prohibited on Internet. "5389. Prohibition on the use of credit cards for Internet gambling. "5390. State and tribal lotteries. "5391. Safe harbors.
	"5392. Relation to section 1084 of title 18 and the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act. "5393. Cheating and other fraud.".

1 SEC. 3. REPORT REQUIRED.

2	(a) In General.—Before the end of the 1-year period
3	beginning on the effective date of the regulations prescribed
4	under section 5(a), and annually thereafter, the Secretary
5	shall submit a report to the Congress on the licensing and
6	regulation of Internet gambling operators.
7	(b) Information Required.—Each report submitted
8	under subsection (a) shall include the following informa-
9	tion:
10	(1) A comprehensive statement regarding the
11	prohibitions notified by the States and Indian tribes
12	pursuant to section 5387 of title 31, United States
13	Code.
14	(2) Relevant statistical information on appli-
15	cants and licenses.
16	(3) The amount of licensing and user fees col-
17	lected during the period covered by the report.
18	(4) Information on regulatory or enforcement ac-
19	tions undertaken during the period.
20	(5) Any other information that may be useful to
21	the Congress in evaluating the effectiveness of the Act
22	in meeting its purpose, including the provision of
23	protections against underage gambling, compulsive
24	gambling, money laundering, and fraud, and in com-

 $bating\ tax\ avoidance\ relating\ to\ Internet\ gambling.$

1 SEC. 4. FEASIBILITY STUDY.

- 2 The Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with
- 3 appropriate State or tribal officers or agencies, shall con-
- 4 duct a feasibility study on safeguards to address gambling
- 5 while impaired through programs such as periodic notices,
- 6 periodic testing of individuals to establish cognitive com-
- 7 petence, and any other similar option that the Secretary
- 8 or appropriate State or tribal officers or agencies may de-
- 9 termine to be appropriate.

10 SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

- 11 (a) Regulations.—The Secretary of the Treasury
- 12 shall prescribe such regulations as the Secretary may deter-
- 13 mine to be appropriate to implement subchapter V of chap-
- 14 ter 53 of title 31, United States Code (as added by section
- 15 2(a) of this Act) and shall publish such regulations in final
- 16 form in the Federal Register before the end of the 180-day
- 17 period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.
- 18 (b) Scope of Application.—The amendment made
- 19 by section 2(a) shall apply after the end of the 90-day pe-
- 20 riod beginning on the date of the publication of the regula-
- 21 tions in final form in accordance with subsection (a).

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To amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for the licensing of Internet gambling activities by the Secretary of the Treasury, to provide for consumer protections on the Internet, to enforce the tax code, and for other purposes.

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Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed