



## Keep Fantasy From Becoming A Nightmare: Provide Responsible Play Provisions for Daily Fantasy Sports Legislation

*NCPG Urges Governor McAuliffe to Amend SB 646 with the CARE Responsible Play Amendments as Current Consumer Protections Inadequate*

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The National and Virginia Councils on Problem Gambling urge Governor Terry McAuliffe to amend SB 646 to incorporate the CARE Responsible Play amendments. These provisions are based on NCPG's Fantasy Sports Consumer Protection Guidelines. CARE stands for Consumer protection; Age and identity verification; Responsible play guidelines; and Exclusion procedures. The amendments and more extensive talking points on Daily Fantasy Sports (DFS) are available on the NCPG website at [www.ncpgambling.org/dfs](http://www.ncpgambling.org/dfs).

NCPG Executive Director Keith Whyte stated: "I've spoken with a number of Virginians who have developed gambling problems related to their DFS play. Unfortunately the DFS bill that passed the Assembly does not have adequate consumer protection provisions."

Dr. Carolyn Hawley, Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Counseling at Virginia Commonwealth University and President of the Virginia Council on Problem Gambling, said: "We are asking Governor McAuliffe to amend SB 646. Adding our suggested language will improve outcomes for the state, fantasy sports operators, their players and the public by reducing social costs of gambling addiction."

"If Virginia is going to be the first state to legalize and regulate DFS they should do it right. Responsible play programs are simple, positive steps to help educate players and prevent problems from developing" noted Wiley Harwell, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Association on Problem and Compulsive Gambling and President of the NCPG Board of Directors.

The mission of the VACPG is to foster education, awareness, and understanding surrounding gambling disorder. The VACPG exists to provide resources regarding gambling disorder to the Commonwealth of Virginia as a non-profit organization.

NCPG's mission is to lead state and national stakeholders in the development of comprehensive policy and programs for all those affected by problem gambling. Our purpose is to serve as the national advocate for programs and services to assist problem gamblers and their families in order to improve health and wellness by reducing the personal, social and economic costs of problem gambling. NCPG is neither for nor against legalized gambling.

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