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Introduced by Sen. KLEIN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law and the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, in relation to compulsive gambling assistance

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 19.09 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding two new subdivisions (i) and (j) to read as follows:

(I) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVELOP OR IDENTIFY EXISTING EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS WHICH OFFER ASSISTANCE IN THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF COMPULSIVE GAMBLING FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT VOLUNTARILY PLACE THEMSELVES ON A SELF EXCLUSION LIST PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN OF THE RACING, PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING AND BREEDING LAW. SUCH EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS SHALL IMMEDIATELY BE TRANSMITTED TO SUCH PERSONS PLACED ON SUCH LIST AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON THE WEBSITES OF THE OFFICE AND THE NEW YORK STATE GAMING COMMISSION. SUCH MATERIALS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO, RESOURCES OR INFORMATION RELATED TO COMPULSIVE GAMBLING AND CONTACT INFORMATION ON AVAILABLE TREATMENT PROGRAMS OR SUPPORT GROUPS.

(J) THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE NEW YORK STATE GAMING COMMISSION, SHALL ESTABLISH A PROBLEM GAMBLING EDUCATION PROGRAM WHICH MAY BE COMPLETED BY ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS PLACED HIMSELF OR HERSELF ON A SELF EXCLUSION LIST PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN OF THE RACING, PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING AND BREEDING LAW. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL BE TRANSMITTED TO ALL PERSONS PLACED ON SUCH SELF EXCLUSION LIST AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON THE WEBSITES OF THE OFFICE AND NEW YORK STATE GAMING COMMISSION, AND SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO RESOURCES OR INFORMATION RELATED TO COMPULSIVE GAMBLING AND CONTACT INFORMATION ON AVAILABLE TREATMENT PROGRAMS OR SUPPORT GROUPS.

S 2. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subdivision 2 of section 111 of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, as added by section 1 of

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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part A of chapter 60 of the laws of 2012, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission, IN COOPERATION WITH THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, shall promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to which people may: voluntarily exclude themselves from entering the premises of an association or corporation licensed or enfranchised by the commission pursuant to this chapter AND; RECEIVE THE REQUIRED EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ON COMPULSIVE GAMBLING PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISIONS (I) AND (J) OF SECTION 19.09 OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE LAW.

(c) No voluntary order or request to exclude persons from entering the premises of any such association, corporation, or facility may be rescinded, canceled, or declared null and void until [seven] THIRTY days after a request has been received by such association, corporation, or facility to cancel such order or request.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after part A of chapter 60 of the laws of 2012 takes effect.