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AN ACT to amend the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law and the economic development law, in relation to creating a racing fan advisory board and establishing an I Love NY Racing promotion

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

1 Section 1. The racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law is
2 amended by adding a new section 911 to read as follows:
3 S 911. RACING FAN ADVISORY BOARD. 1. THERE IS HEREBY CREATED A RACING
4 FAN ADVISORY BOARD TO PROVIDE ADVICE TO THE STATE RACING AND WAGERING
5 BOARD ON ISSUES RELATED TO HORSE RACING AND WAGERING.
6 2. THE RACING FAN ADVISORY BOARD SHALL BE A SEVEN MEMBER BOARD
7 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AS FOLLOWS: THREE PERSONS APPOINTED BY THE
8 GOVERNOR; ONE PERSON APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE RECOMMENDATION
9 OF THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; ONE PERSON APPOINTED BY THE
10 GOVERNOR UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY; ONE
11 PERSON APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE JOINT RECOMMENDATION OF THE
12 CHAIRPERSONS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RACING, WAGERING AND GAMING AND
13 THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RACING AND WAGERING; ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY
14 THE GOVERNOR UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE RACING
15 AND WAGERING BOARD. THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL BE
16 SELECTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND SERVE IN THAT POSITION AT THE GOVERNOR'S
17 PLEASURE. THE CHAIRPERSON SHALL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SALARY TO BE DETER-
18 MINED BY THE STATE RACING AND WAGERING BOARD. NO MEMBER OF THE BOARD
19 SHALL OWN MORE THAN ONE HORSE, OR PORTION OF AN INTEREST IN A HORSE,
20 WHICH RACES COMPETITIVELY IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR AT ANY RACE TRACK
21 LICENSED OR REGULATED BY THE STATE RACING AND WAGERING BOARD.
22 3. OF THE THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE FOLLOWING QUAL-
23 IFICATIONS SHALL BE CONSIDERED PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT: INVOLVEMENT WITH A

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

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1 NON-PROFIT CORPORATION WHICH SEEKS TO PROMOTE FAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE
2 SPORT OF HORSE RACING; OR EMPLOYMENT WITH AN OFF-TRACK-BETTING CORPO-
3 RATION ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER; OR CERTIFICATION AND LICEN-
4 SURE AS A VETERINARIAN WITH A PRACTICE DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO HORSES.

5 4. EACH MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF SEVEN YEARS, EXCEPT
6 THE FIRST MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF
7 THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE SENATE RACING, WAGERING AND GAMING COMMITTEE AND
8 ASSEMBLY RACING AND WAGERING COMMITTEE, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A
9 TERM OF ONE YEAR; AND THE FIRST MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON
10 THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY AND THE TEMPORARY
11 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL BE APPOINTED TO TERMS OF THREE YEARS; AND
12 THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WHO SHALL HAVE THE AFOREMENTIONED
13 EXPERIENCE SHALL BE APPOINTED TO TERMS OF FIVE YEARS; AND THE MEMBER
14 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
15 STATE RACING AND WAGERING BOARD SHALL BE APPOINTED TO A TERM OF SEVEN
16 YEARS. VACANCIES SHALL BE FILLED BY THE MANNER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF
17 THE VACATED POSITION FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

18 5. THE MEMBERS OF THE RACING FAN ADVISORY BOARD, EXCEPT FOR THE CHAIR-
19 PERSON, SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT MAY REQUEST AND SHALL
20 RECEIVE ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE RACING AND WAGERING BOARD FOR INFORMA-
21 TION RELATING TO HORSE RACING IN NEW YORK STATE. THE MEMBERS OF THE
22 RACING FAN ADVISORY BOARD MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR THEIR NECESSARY AND
23 ACTUAL EXPENSES IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES UNDER THIS SECTION.
24 THE MEMBERS OF THE RACING FAN ADVISORY BOARD SHALL BE ISSUED A LICENSE
25 BY THE STATE RACING AND WAGERING BOARD WHICH SHALL PROVIDE THEM ACCESS
26 TO THE TRACK AND BACK STRETCH OF ALL NEW YORK STATE LICENSED FACILITIES
27 DURING THE LENGTH OF THEIR TERM ON THE RACING FAN ADVISORY BOARD.
28 MEMBERS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO FILE AN OATH OF OFFICE, AND EACH YEAR OF
29 HIS OR HER TERM, SHALL MAKE ANNUAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES AS IF THEY WERE
30 A POLICY MAKING EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE UNDER SECTION SEVENTY-THREE-A OF
31 THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW. MEETINGS OF THE RACING FAN ADVISORY BOARD SHALL
32 BE CALLED BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE RACING FAN ADVISORY BOARD, OR BY THE
33 CHAIRPERSON OF THE STATE RACING AND WAGERING BOARD, OR BY WRITTEN NOTICE
34 TO BOTH SUCH CHAIRPERSONS BY THREE MEMBERS OF THE RACING FAN ADVISORY
35 BOARD, IN WHICH CASE THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STATE RACING AND WAGERING
36 BOARD SHALL CONVENE SUCH A MEETING OF THE RACING FAN ADVISORY BOARD BY
37 ACTUAL NOTICE TO ALL SUCH MEMBERS OF THE RACING FAN ADVISORY BOARD.

38 6. THE RACING FAN ADVISORY BOARD SHALL:

39 (A) MEET PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE SEVEN OF THE PUBLIC
40 OFFICERS LAW;

41 (B) ADVISE THE STATE RACING AND WAGERING BOARD ON ISSUES RELATED TO
42 HORSE RACING AND WAGERING;

43 (C) MAKE REPORTS TO THE STATE RACING AND WAGERING BOARD REGARDING THE
44 OPERATION OF THE THOROUGHBRED AND HARNESS RACE TRACKS AND ADVISE AS TO
45 WHETHER THE OPERATOR OF RACES AT SUCH TRACKS, BASED ON INFORMATION
46 AVAILABLE TO THE RACING FAN ADVISORY BOARD, IS SERVING THE GROWTH OF THE
47 SPORT OF THOROUGHBRED RACING;

48 (D) HAVE AS THEIR MISSION THE GROWTH OF THE FAN BASE RELATED TO THE
49 SPORT OF RACING; AND

50 (E) ADVISE THE STATE RACING AND WAGERING BOARD ON APPROPRIATE ACTIONS
51 TO ENCOURAGE FAN ATTENDANCE AT HORSE RACING TRACKS OR AT OFF-TRACK-BET-
52 TING CORPORATIONS ORGANIZED UNDER THIS CHAPTER OR ANY SUCCESSOR ENTITY
53 OF SUCH ORGANIZATION LICENSED BY THE STATE RACING AND WAGERING BOARD.

54 S 2 Subdivision 18-c of section 100 of the economic development law,
55 as added by chapter 212 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as
56 follows:

1 18-c. to establish, in cooperation with the commissioner of agricul-
2 ture and markets, procedures for proposing nominations to the governor
3 for [three] FOUR annual, non-monetary awards to be known as: (a) New
4 York State Direct Farm Marketing Award; (b) New York State Agri-Tourism
5 Award; [and] (c) New York State Specialty Food Product Award; AND (D)
6 NEW YORK STATE HORSE RACING FARM OF THE YEAR AWARD. These awards shall
7 be given in recognition of EXCEPTIONAL OR unusual efforts by farmers,
8 food processors and food retailers for the marketing of New York state
9 grown agricultural commodities or foods processed from or primarily
10 containing New York state agricultural commodities and for promoting New
11 York state farms that are also tourist destinations, AND HORSE BREEDING
12 AND RACING FARMS WHICH ARE RECOGNIZED AS HELPING TO DEVELOP NEW YORK'S
13 HORSE RACING INDUSTRY.

14 S 3. I Love NY Racing promotion. The state racing and wagering board
15 shall, in cooperation with the racing fan advisory board, and in cooper-
16 ation with the commissioner of agriculture and markets, and the commis-
17 sioner of economic development, create an I Love NY Racing promotion.
18 Such promotion shall cause grants to be made to the racing industry
19 pursuant to appropriation for such purpose. Such grants shall be made to
20 tourism promotion agencies and not-for-profit corporations, who shall
21 work with the racing fan advisory board to develop the promotion of
22 harness and thoroughbred racing. Such promotions shall include tours of
23 race tracks, horse training and breeding farms, and educational events
24 to teach racing fans about the sport of horse racing.

25 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.