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AN ACT in relation to establishing the legislative task force on responsible gaming

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

1     Section 1. Legislative findings. a. The legislature hereby finds that  
2     the recently enacted 2012-2013 New York state budget amended the state  
3     constitution to allow for non-tribal casino gaming in New York. It also  
4     included provisions to create a New York state gaming commission, as a  
5     result of the merger between the division of lottery and the racing and  
6     wagering board. The commission is charged with oversight of the division  
7     of lottery, the division of charitable gaming, the division of gaming,  
8     and the division of horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering. This legisla-  
9     tive action consolidated the state's gaming regulatory functions under a  
10    single oversight body.  
11    b. The legislature further finds that the development of policies and  
12    procedures that foster responsible gaming practices by gaming facilities  
13    licensed or enfranchised by the New York state gaming commission or its  
14    divisions is necessary to mitigate the risks or consequences associated  
15    with problem gambling. The legislature concludes that this can be best  
16    accomplished by the creation of a task force on responsible gaming.  
17    S 2. Legislative task force on responsible gaming. A legislative task  
18    force on responsible gaming is hereby established to:  
19    (a) Identify policies and programs that mitigate the risks and conse-  
20    quences associated with compulsive gambling and promote responsible  
21    gaming practices for all gaming activities authorized in New York state.

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

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1 (b) Recommend policies and procedures to be promulgated in regulations  
2 by the New York state gaming commission and its divisions to ensure  
3 responsible gaming in all facilities licensed or enfranchised by such  
4 commission or divisions.

5 (c) Recommend a structure by which all responsible gaming regulations  
6 promulgated by the commission or its divisions shall be enforced,  
7 including but not limited to penalties for violations of regulatory  
8 standards and corrective action.

9 (d) Identifying methods to measure effectiveness of any responsible  
10 gaming procedures implemented.

11 (e) Identify and recommend provisions necessary to ensure responsible  
12 gaming practices to be included in enabling legislation authorizing  
13 casino style gaming facilities in New York state.

14 S 3. Composition. The task force shall consist of eleven members.  
15 Task force members appointed or designated shall have experience and  
16 expertise in one or more of the following areas:

17 1) the prevention of problem gambling;

18 2) the treatment of problem gambling;

19 3) administration of problem gambling programs within a gaming facili-  
20 ty.

21 The task force shall consist of eleven members to be appointed as  
22 follows: two members to be appointed by the speaker of the assembly, one  
23 member to be appointed by the minority leader of the assembly, two  
24 members to be appointed by the temporary president of the senate, and  
25 one member to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate. The  
26 task force shall also include the commissioner of the office of alcohol-  
27 ism and substance abuse services or his or her designee, the executive  
28 director of the New York state gaming commission or his or her designee,  
29 the director of the division of lottery or his or her designee, the  
30 director of the division of gaming or his or her designee, the director  
31 of the division of horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering or his or her  
32 designee. The chair shall be designated by a simple majority vote of all  
33 members of the task force.

34 S 4. Compensation. Members shall receive no compensation for their  
35 services but shall be reimbursed for their expenses actually and neces-  
36 sarily incurred in the performance of any of their duties.

37 S 5. Report. The task force shall create a final report regarding all  
38 findings and recommendations to be delivered upon completion of all  
39 objectives described herein, but in no event later than February 1,  
40 2015, to the governor, the speaker of the assembly and the temporary  
41 president of the senate. At the completion of all duties described here-  
42 in the legislative task force shall be dissolved.

43 S 6. This act shall take effect immediately.