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AN ACT to amend the banking law, in relation to authorizing financial institutions to conduct savings promotion prize giveaways

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

1 Section 1. The banking law is amended by adding a new section 9-v to
2 read as follows:

3 S 9-V. SAVINGS PROMOTION PRIZE GIVEAWAY. A BANKING ORGANIZATION
4 ORGANIZED UNDER OR SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, FEDERAL
5 CREDIT UNION, FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCI-
6 ATION, OR NATIONAL BANK ASSOCIATION MAY CONDUCT A SAVINGS PROMOTION IN
7 ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, TO THE EXTENT IT IS NOT
8 PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION.

9 1. DEFINITIONS. AS USED IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE
10 THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

11 A. THE TERM "SAVINGS PROMOTION" MEANS A CONTEST OR PROMOTION SPONSORED
12 BY A BANKING ORGANIZATION, FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK,
13 FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, OR NATIONAL BANK ASSOCIATION IN
14 WHICH A CHANCE OF WINNING DESIGNATED PRIZES IS OBTAINED BY ITS DEPOS-
15 ITORS FOR THE PURPOSES OF ENCOURAGING DEPOSITORS TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN
16 SAVINGS DEPOSITS.

17 B. THE TERM "QUALIFYING ACCOUNT" MEANS A SAVINGS ACCOUNT, SHARE
18 ACCOUNT, SHARE CERTIFICATE, OR OTHER SAVINGS PRODUCT OR PROGRAM OFFERED
19 BY A BANKING ORGANIZATION, FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK,
20 FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, OR NATIONAL BANK ASSOCIATION
21 THROUGH WHICH DEPOSITORS MAY OBTAIN CHANCES TO WIN PRIZES IN A SAVINGS
22 PROMOTION.

23 C. THE TERM "NON-QUALIFYING ACCOUNT" MEANS A SAVINGS ACCOUNT, SHARE
24 ACCOUNT, CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT, OR OTHER SAVINGS PRODUCT OR PROGRAM
25 OFFERED BY A BANKING ORGANIZATION, FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, FEDERAL SAVINGS

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

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1 BANK, FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, OR NATIONAL BANK ASSOCIATION
2 THAT IS NOT A QUALIFYING ACCOUNT.

3 2. RULES OF OPERATION. A. PARTICIPANTS IN A SAVINGS PROMOTION SHALL
4 NOT BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ANY CONSIDERATION IN ORDER TO OBTAIN ENTRIES
5 TO WIN. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, PARTICIPANTS SHALL NOT BE DEEMED
6 TO HAVE PROVIDED CONSIDERATION DUE TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT THEY DEPOSIT
7 MONEY IN A QUALIFYING ACCOUNT TO OBTAIN ENTRIES TO WIN, SO LONG AS: (I)
8 THE INTEREST RATE ASSOCIATED WITH ANY SUCH QUALIFYING ACCOUNT IS NOT
9 REDUCED WHEN COMPARED WITH OTHER COMPARABLE NON-QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS
10 OFFERED BY ANY BANKING ORGANIZATION, FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, FEDERAL
11 SAVINGS BANK, FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OR NATIONAL BANK
12 ASSOCIATION, TO ACCOUNT FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF DEPOSITORS WINNING SPECI-
13 FIED PRIZES; AND (II) NO BANKING ORGANIZATION, FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,
14 FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, OR NATIONAL
15 BANK ASSOCIATION MAY CHARGE A FEE FOR ENTRY. ALL FEES CHARGED IN
16 CONNECTION WITH SUCH QUALIFYING ACCOUNT SHALL BE COMPARABLE WITH ALL
17 FEES CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH OTHER COMPARABLE NON-QUALIFYING
18 ACCOUNTS, IF ANY, OFFERED BY ANY BANKING ORGANIZATION, FEDERAL CREDIT
19 UNION, FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, OR
20 NATIONAL BANK ASSOCIATION.

21 B. A SAVINGS PROMOTION SHALL BE CONDUCTED SUCH THAT EACH ENTRY IN THE
22 SAVINGS PROMOTION HAS AN EQUAL CHANCE OF BEING DRAWN.

23 C. PARTICIPANTS IN A SAVINGS PROMOTION SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO BE
24 PRESENT AT A PRIZE DRAWING IN ORDER TO WIN.

25 D. THE OFFERING OF A SAVINGS PROMOTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO SECTION
26 THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE-E OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS LAW IN THE SAME
27 MANNER AS OTHER PROMOTIONS REGULATED THEREUNDER. FOR PURPOSES OF THE
28 GENERAL BUSINESS LAW AND THE PENAL LAW, A SAVINGS PROMOTION OFFERED IN
29 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CHAPTER SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO ENTAIL CONSIDERATION
30 OR THE PROMOTION OF GAMBLING OR A LOTTERY.

31 S 2. Section 96 of the banking law is amended by adding a new subdivi-
32 sion 15 to read as follows:

33 15. TO ENGAGE IN A "SAVINGS PROMOTION" IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
34 NINE-V OF THIS CHAPTER AND SUBJECT TO ANY REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE
35 SUPERINTENDENT. THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL CONSULT WITH THE STATE GAMING
36 COMMISSION BEFORE PROPOSING ANY SUCH REGULATIONS OR ANY AMENDMENTS THER-
37 ETO. SUCH REGULATIONS SHALL ENSURE THAT:

38 A. NO PARTICIPANT IN A SAVINGS PROMOTION IS CHARGED ANY FEE THAT WOULD
39 CONSTITUTE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, CONSIDERATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN
40 SUCH SAVINGS PROMOTION; AND

41 B. NO PARTICIPANT IN A SAVINGS PROMOTION FOREGOES, DIRECTLY OR INDI-
42 RECTLY, ANY INTEREST THAT WOULD CONSTITUTE CONSIDERATION FOR PARTICI-
43 PATION IN SUCH SAVINGS PROMOTION.

44 S 3. Section 234 of the banking law is amended by adding a new subdi-
45 vision 26 to read as follows:

46 26. TO ENGAGE IN A "SAVINGS PROMOTION" IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
47 NINE-V OF THIS CHAPTER AND SUBJECT TO ANY REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE
48 SUPERINTENDENT. THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL CONSULT WITH THE STATE GAMING
49 COMMISSION BEFORE PROPOSING ANY SUCH REGULATIONS OR ANY AMENDMENTS THER-
50 ETO. SUCH REGULATIONS SHALL ENSURE THAT:

51 A. NO PARTICIPANT IN A SAVINGS PROMOTION IS CHARGED ANY FEE THAT WOULD
52 CONSTITUTE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, CONSIDERATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN
53 SUCH SAVINGS PROMOTION; AND

54 B. NO PARTICIPANT IN A SAVINGS PROMOTION FOREGOES, DIRECTLY OR INDI-
55 RECTLY, ANY INTEREST THAT WOULD CONSTITUTE CONSIDERATION FOR PARTICI-
56 PATION IN SUCH SAVINGS PROMOTION.

1 S 4. Section 383 of the banking law is amended by adding a new subdi-
2 vision 17 to read as follows:

3 17. TO ENGAGE IN A "SAVINGS PROMOTION" IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
4 NINE-V OF THIS CHAPTER AND SUBJECT TO ANY REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE
5 SUPERINTENDENT. THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL CONSULT WITH THE STATE GAMING
6 COMMISSION BEFORE PROPOSING ANY SUCH REGULATIONS OR ANY AMENDMENTS THER-
7 ETO. SUCH REGULATIONS SHALL ENSURE THAT:

8 A. NO PARTICIPANT IN A SAVINGS PROMOTION IS CHARGED ANY FEE THAT WOULD
9 CONSTITUTE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, CONSIDERATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN
10 SUCH SAVINGS PROMOTION; AND

11 B. NO PARTICIPANT IN A SAVINGS PROMOTION FOREGOES, DIRECTLY OR INDI-
12 RECTLY, ANY INTEREST THAT WOULD CONSTITUTE CONSIDERATION FOR PARTIC-
13 IPATION IN SUCH SAVINGS PROMOTION.

14 S 5. Section 454 of the banking law is amended by adding a new subdi-
15 vision 37 to read as follows:

16 37. TO ENGAGE IN A "SAVINGS PROMOTION" IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
17 NINE-V OF THIS CHAPTER AND SUBJECT TO ANY REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE
18 SUPERINTENDENT. THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL CONSULT WITH THE STATE GAMING
19 COMMISSION BEFORE PROPOSING ANY SUCH REGULATIONS OR ANY AMENDMENTS THER-
20 ETO. SUCH REGULATIONS SHALL ENSURE THAT:

21 A. NO PARTICIPANT IN A SAVINGS PROMOTION IS CHARGED ANY FEE THAT WOULD
22 CONSTITUTE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, CONSIDERATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN
23 SUCH SAVINGS PROMOTION; AND

24 B. NO PARTICIPANT IN A SAVINGS PROMOTION FOREGOES, DIRECTLY OR INDI-
25 RECTLY, ANY INTEREST THAT WOULD CONSTITUTE CONSIDERATION FOR PARTIC-
26 IPATION IN SUCH SAVINGS PROMOTION.

27 S 6. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
28 it shall have become a law.