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Introduced by M. of A. VANEL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Racing and Wagering

AN ACT to amend the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, in relation to requiring warnings for mobile gaming

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law is amended by adding a new section 1363-a to read as follows:

§ 1363-a. Warnings for mobile gaming. 1. An entity licensed under the provisions of this chapter which provides gaming services on a website or mobile application shall provide a warning that conforms to the contents of subdivision two of this section at the following times:

(a) When a user successfully creates their account;

(b) Each time the user logs in to their account after forty-eight hours of inactivity; and

(c) Every two hours a user has the website or mobile application open, such time shall be the sum of the time spent using the website or mobile application between different sessions.

2. The warning required by this section shall cover the entire screen and, in a legible format, state the following: "WARNING: MOBILE WAGERING CAN BE HIGHLY ADDICTIVE.

1. MOST PLAYERS DO NOT PROFIT IN THE LONG TERM.

2. PERSONS WITH A FAMILY HISTORY OF ADDICTION MAY BE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO GAMBLING ADDICTION.

3. GAMBLING ADDICTION DESTROYS FAMILIES AND LIVELIHOODS.

4. GAMBLING ADDICTS HAVE AN EXTREMELY HIGH RATE OF ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

5. IF YOU FEEL AN URGE TO CHASE YOUR LOSSES OR UNCONTROLLABLY PLACE BETS THIS IS A SIGN OF GAMBLING ADDICTION.

6. YOU CAN VOLUNTARILY EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM THIS SERVICE IN YOUR ACCOUNT SETTINGS.

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

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HELP IS AVAILABLE. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS HELP, CALL 1-877-8-HOPENY."

3. No entity shall modify the content of the warning in subdivision two of this section.

4. An entity shall not permit a person to use their website or application until such person interacts with a button which states that the person acknowledges the warning. Where the warning is too large to fit on the entire screen, such user shall not be permitted to acknowledge the warning until such user has viewed the entire warning.

5. Any entity which fails to display such warning in the manner required by this section shall be liable for a civil penalty of ten thousand dollars per day such warnings are not in compliance with this section. Where the commission determines that an entity has engaged in a persistent course of conduct in violation of this section, the licensee shall incur a civil penalty not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars per day such warnings are not in compliance with this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.