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Introduced by M. of A. TEDISCO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to the video lottery gaming facilities aid formula

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

Section 1. Section 54-1 of the state finance law, as amended by section 1 of part KK of chapter 56 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

 S 54-1. State assistance to eligible cities and eligible municipalities in which a video lottery gaming facility is located. 1. Definitions. When used in this section, unless otherwise expressly stated:

- a. "Eligible city" shall mean (I) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING APRIL FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SEVEN a city with a population equal to or greater than one hundred twenty-five thousand and less than one million in which a video lottery gaming facility is located [and operating as of January first, two thousand nine] pursuant to section sixteen hundred seventeen-a of the tax law AND (II) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING APRIL FIRST, TWO THOUSAND EIGHT AND FOR EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, SHALL MEAN A CITY WITH A POPULATION EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND IN WHICH A VIDEO LOTTERY GAMING FACILITY IS LOCATED PURSUANT TO SECTION SIXTEEN HUNDRED SEVENTEEN-A OF THE TAX LAW.
- b. "Eligible municipality" shall mean [(i) for the fiscal years commencing April first, two thousand seven and April first, two thousand eight] a county, city, town or village in which a video lottery gaming facility is located pursuant to section sixteen hundred seventeen-a of the tax law that is not located in a city with a population equal to or greater than one hundred twenty-five thousand [and (ii) for the fiscal year commencing April first, two thousand nine and for each state fiscal year thereafter, shall mean a county, city, town or village in which a video lottery gaming facility is located and operating as of January

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

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 first, two thousand nine pursuant to section sixteen hundred seventeen-a of the tax law that is not located in a city with a population equal to or greater than one hundred twenty-five thousand and which is located in a county that has a poverty rate equal to or greater than fifty percent of the New York state poverty rate].

- c. "Estimated net machine income" shall mean the estimated full annual value of total revenue wagered after payout for prizes for games known as "video lottery gaming" as authorized under article thirty-four of the tax law during the state fiscal year in which state aid payments are made pursuant to subdivision two of this section.
- d. "Population" shall mean population based on the most recent federal decennial census.
- [e. "Poverty rate" shall mean the percentage of individuals living below the poverty level, as reported in the most recent federal decennial census.]
- 2. Within amounts appropriated therefor, BEGINNING IN THE STATE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING APRIL FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SEVEN, AND IN EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, an eligible city and an eligible municipality shall receive a state aid payment as follows:
- a. An eligible city shall receive[: (i) for the state fiscal years commencing April first, two thousand seven and April first, two thousand eight,] a state aid payment equal to three and one-half percent of the "estimated net machine income" generated by a video lottery gaming facility located in such eligible city. Such state aid payment shall not exceed twenty million dollars per eligible city[; and (ii) for the state fiscal year commencing April first, two thousand nine and for each state fiscal year thereafter, an amount equal to the state aid payment received in the state fiscal year commencing April first, two thousand eight].
- b. Eligible municipalities shall receive[: (i) for the state fiscal years commencing April first, two thousand seven and April first, two thousand eight,] a share of three and one-half percent of the "estimated net machine income" generated by a video lottery gaming facility located within such eligible municipality as follows: [(1)] (I) twenty-five percent shall be apportioned and paid to the county; and [(2)] (II) seventy-five percent shall be apportioned and paid on a pro rata basis eligible municipalities, other than the county, based upon the population of such eligible municipalities. Such state aid payment shall not exceed twenty-five percent of an eligible municipality's total expenditures as reported in the statistical report of the comptroller in the preceding state fiscal year pursuant to section thirty-seven of the general municipal law[; and (ii) for the state fiscal year commencing April first, two thousand nine and for each state fiscal year thereaft-(1) for an eligible municipality which is located in a county that has a poverty rate equal to or greater than seventy-five percent of York state poverty rate, an amount equal to the state aid payment received in the state fiscal year commencing April first, two eight; and (2) for an eligible municipality which is located in a county that has a poverty rate less than seventy-five percent of the New York state poverty rate, an amount equal to fifty percent of the state aid payment received in the state fiscal year commencing April first, two thousand eight].
- 3. a. State aid payments made to an eligible city pursuant to paragraph a of subdivision two of this section shall be used to increase support for public schools in such city.

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b. State aid payments made to an eligible municipality pursuant to paragraph b of subdivision two of this section shall be used by such eligible municipality to: (i) defray local costs associated with a video lottery gaming facility, or (ii) minimize or reduce real property taxes.

- 4. A. ON OR BEFORE JUNE FIRST OF EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING IN THE STATE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING APRIL FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SEVEN, AT THE REQUEST OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF THE BUDGET, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF THE LOTTERY SHALL TRANSMIT A SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF THE BUDGET. IN DETERMINING SUCH SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF THE LOTTERY SHALL INCLUDE A RECONCILIATION OF THE STATE AID PAID IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR. SUCH RECONCILIATION SHALL ADJUST FOR THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE STATE AID PAID IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR AND WHAT THE STATE AID PAYMENT WOULD HAVE BEEN IF THE ACTUAL FULL ANNUAL VALUE OF NET MACHINE INCOME HAD BEEN USED IN THE CALCULATION OF STATE AID. SUCH RECONCILIATION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE MAXIMUM AMOUNTS IDENTIFIED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION FOR THE YEAR BEING RECONCILED.
- B. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, IN THE EVENT ANY ELIGIBLE CITY OR ELIGIBLE MUNICIPALITY RECEIVES ANY PAYMENT UNDER SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION THAT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED TO BE RECONCILED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF THE LOTTERY AS SET FORTH IN THIS SUBDIVISION, AND THE AMOUNTS PAYABLE PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION ARE INSUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT SUCH RECONCILIATION, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DEDUCT FROM ANY MONEYS PAYABLE TO SUCH ELIGIBLE CITY OR ELIGIBLE MUNICIPALITY THE AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR SUCH RECONCILIATION UPON RECEIPT OF A CERTIFICATION OF THE RECONCILIATION AMOUNT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF THE LOTTERY.
- 5. Payments of state aid pursuant to this section shall be made on or before June thirtieth of each state fiscal year to the chief fiscal officer of each eligible city and each eligible municipality on audit and warrant of the state comptroller out of moneys appropriated by the legislature for such purpose to the credit of the local assistance fund in the general fund of the state treasury.
- 34 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to 35 have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2009.