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Introduced by Sens. VALESKY, ADAMS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Racing, Gaming and Wagering -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- recommitted to the Committee on Racing, Gaming and Wagering in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, in relation to the agriculture and New York state horse breeding development fund

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

Section 1. The opening paragraph of section 330 of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, as amended by chapter 197 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

There is hereby created within the state racing and wagering board the "agriculture and New York state horse breeding development fund". Such fund shall be a body corporate and politic constituting a public benefit corporation. It shall be administered by the commissioner of agriculture and markets, the chairman of the New York state racing and wagering board or his or her designee, [and] the chairman and members of the state harness racing commission as reconstituted pursuant to article one of this chapter, *AND TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS THAT MUST BE EXPERIENCED OR HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE BREEDING OF STANDARDBRED HORSES IN NEW YORK STATE. THESE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS SHALL SERVE IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY AND SHALL NOT HAVE VOTING PRIVILEGES. OF THE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, ONE EACH SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW YORK STATE RACING AND WAGERING BOARD AND THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS AND SHALL SERVE TERMS OF NO MORE THAN THREE YEARS.* Members shall continue to hold office until their successors are appointed and qualified. The chairman

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

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shall be designated by the members of the fund. The members of the fund shall receive no compensation from the fund for their services as such members but shall be reimbursed by the fund for the expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in the performance of their duties under sections two hundred twenty-two through seven hundred five of this chapter. Such fund shall have perpetual existence and shall exercise all powers authorized by this chapter and reasonably necessary for accomplishing its purposes. Such powers shall be exercised in the name of the fund.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.