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

AN ACT in relation to requiring the New York Racing Association to study horse racing and breeding across New York

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

Section 1. Legislative findings. The legislature hereby finds and determines that the sport and business of horse racing are valuable social and economic assets, and that the people and the state have a long tradition of support for and legislation concerning maintenance and expansion of horse racing and breeding. The legislature further finds and determines that the health and safety of both the animals and the people who make up the racing community are a paramount concern, and that such concern should be reflected in continuing monitoring, analysis, and reform of industry practices to achieve the highest level of safety and protection.

S 2. The New York Racing Association shall conduct or commission a full inquiry, analysis and review of the policies and practices of horse racing and breeding across New York state to insure the safety, health and protection of horses, and report to the governor and legislature the results of this effort no later than December 15, 2009. Such report shall include, but not limited to, issues of track safety, use of drugs, breeding policies and practices, the incidence of accident and injury over time, regulation by racing authorities, alternative policies, practices and technologies likely to reduce injury and accident, and the impact of the above on the health and safety of persons associated with horse racing, and any other issues or information relevant to assessing and improving animal safety. Full cooperation shall be extended to the association's inquiry and report by all state agencies and institutions.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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