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

AN ACT authorizing the game of poker at the Belmont Park racetrack and
one off-track betting simulcast facility per county

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

- 1 Section 1. Game of poker. 1. The game of poker shall be permitted at
2 the Belmont Park racetrack and all off-track betting simulcast facili-
3 ties not to exceed one per county.
4 2. For purposes of this act, the game of poker is a game of skill,
5 played in accordance with the house rules as established by an organiza-
6 tion authorized by the state racing and wagering board and approved by
7 the state racing and wagering board and shall be defined as "texas
8 holdem".
9 3. a. Where the poker game is contest style, there shall be an entry
10 fee into each poker game where a percentage of such fee shall be
11 retained by the racetrack or off-track betting simulcast facility with
12 the remaining amount going into a pool for prizes.
13 b. Where the poker game is free play, the racetrack or off-track
14 betting simulcast facility shall keep a percentage of each hand with the
15 remaining amount going to the winner.
16 4. The state racing and wagering board shall be the oversight board
17 for poker wagering in the state.
18 5. All rules and regulations that apply to cashiers or tellers for
19 racetracks and off-track betting simulcast facilities shall apply to all
20 poker dealers.
21 6. The racetrack or off-track betting simulcast facility shall retain
22 thirty percent of the amount collected or withheld from the game of
23 poker, twenty percent shall go to the state and fifty percent shall be
24 directed to the county in which the racetrack or off-track betting
25 simulcast facility is located.

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

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1 7. The hours of operation shall run in the same manner as the video
2 lottery terminals.

3 8. The state racing and wagering board, division of the lottery and
4 the department of taxation and finance shall promulgate rules and regu-
5 lations necessary for the establishment and operation of the game of
6 poker authorized pursuant to subdivision one of this section, including,
7 but not limited to any leases and/or licenses to the operation of such
8 facilities.

9 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.