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Introduced by M. of A. DelMONTE, SEMINERIO -- 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 free passes, cards or badges

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

Section 1. Section 243 of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, as amended by chapter 18 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

S 243. Free passes, cards or badges. A corporation licensed or franchised to conduct pari-mutuel betting on races run on its racetrack[, shall not] MAY issue free passes, cards or badges [except] to [persons hereafter described: officers] ANY QUALIFIED PERSON. QUALIFIED PERSON SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, OFFICERS and employees of the corporation conducting the race meeting, members, officers and employees of the state racing and wagering board, members and employees of the jockey club, members and employees of the national steeplechase and hunt association, members of turf organizations of other states and foreign countries, public officers engaged in the performance of their duties, persons actually employed and accredited by the press to attend such meetings, owners, stable managers, trainers, jockeys, jockey managers, grooms, concessionaires, spouses, domestic partners and children of owners, trainers and jockeys, [and] other persons whose actual duties require their presence at such racetrack, AND ANY OTHER PERSON OR GUEST DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY SUCH CORPORATION. IN ADDITION, FREE PASSES, CARDS OR BADGES MAY BE ISSUED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN CONNECTION WITH ANY PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN OR MARKETING PROGRAM SPONSORED BY SUCH CORPORATION TO INCREASE ATTENDANCE AT LIVE RACE MEETS. The issuance of free passes, cards or badges shall be under the rules and regulations of the state racing and wagering board [and a list of all persons to whom free pass-

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

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es, cards or badges are issued shall be filed with the state racing and wagering board].

S 2. Section 324 of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law is amended to read as follows:

S 324. Free passes, cards or badges. A corporation or association licensed to conduct pari-mutuel betting on harness horse races run at its racetrack [shall not] MAY issue free passes, cards or badges [except] to [persons hereafter described: officers] ANY QUALIFIED PERSON. QUALIFIED PERSON SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, OFFICERS and employees of the corporation or association conducting the race meeting, members, officers, and employees of the state racing and wagering board, members of harness racing associations of other states and foreign countries, public officers engaged in the performance of their duties, persons actually employed and accredited by the press to attend such meetings, owners, stable managers, trainers, drivers, concessionaires [and], SPOUSES, DOMESTIC PARTNERS AND CHILDREN OF OWNERS, TRAINERS AND JOCKEYS, other persons whose actual duties require their presence at such racetrack, AND ANY OTHER PERSON OR GUEST DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY SUCH CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION. IN ADDITION, FREE PASSES, CARDS OR BADGES MAY BE ISSUED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN CONNECTION WITH ANY PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN OR MARKETING PROGRAM SPONSORED BY SUCH CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION TO INCREASE ATTENDANCE AT LIVE RACE MEETS. The issuance of free passes, cards or badges shall be under the rules and regulations of the state racing and wagering board [and a list of all persons to whom free passes, cards or badges are issued shall be filed with the state racing and wagering board].

S 3. Section 422 of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law is amended to read as follows:

S 422. Free passes, cards or badges. A corporation or association licensed to conduct pari-mutuel betting on quarter horse races run at its racetrack [shall] MAY issue free passes, cards or badges to [persons hereafter described: officers] ANY QUALIFIED PERSON. QUALIFIED PERSON SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, OFFICERS and employees of the corporation or association conducting the race meeting, members, officers, and employees of the state racing and wagering board, members of quarter horse racing associations of other states and foreign countries, public officers engaged in the performance of their duties, persons actually employed and accredited by the press to attend such meetings, owners, stable managers, trainers, jockeys, concessionaires [and], SPOUSES, DOMESTIC PARTNERS AND CHILDREN OF OWNERS, TRAINERS AND JOCKEYS, other persons whose actual duties require their presence at such racetrack, AND ANY OTHER PERSON OR GUEST DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY SUCH CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION. IN ADDITION, FREE PASSES, CARDS OR BADGES MAY BE ISSUED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN CONNECTION WITH ANY PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN OR MARKETING PROGRAM SPONSORED BY SUCH CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION TO INCREASE ATTENDANCE AT LIVE RACE MEETS. The issuance of free passes, cards or badges shall be under the rules and regulations of the state racing and wagering board [and a list of all persons to whom free passes, cards or badges are issued shall be filed with the state racing and wagering board].

S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.