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AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to powers of the commissioner of the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services

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

Section 1. Subdivision (h) of section 19.09 of the mental hygiene law, as added by section 6 of part I of chapter 58 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

(h) The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations requiring the [state] DIVISION OF HORSE racing and PARI-MUTUEL wagering [board] and the [state lottery] division OF LOTTERY to provide for the posting of signs in facilities [licensed] REGULATED by the [state] DIVISION OF HORSE racing and PARI-MUTUEL wagering [board to conduct pari-mutuel wagering] and facilities [licensed] REGULATED by the [state lottery] division OF LOTTERY advising where to get help in dealing with a compulsion to gamble. In addition, the information contained on such signs shall be posted on the internet at appropriate internet sites. Such signs and information posted on the internet shall include, but not be limited to, notice of the availability of one or more organizations, approved by the commissioner, which offer assistance in the prevention and treatment of compulsive gambling. Such signs, not less than eight and one-half inches by eleven inches, shall be [conspicuously] posted IN A PROMINENT MANNER AND WITHIN REASONABLE DISTANCE OF EACH ENTRANCE AND EXIT by the facility which is conducting the gambling. Such signs shall be available at the [state] DIVISION OF HORSE racing and PARI-MUTUEL wagering [board], the [state lottery] division OF LOTTERY, and the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services and shall be distributed by the appropriate licensing agency.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as section 1 of part A of chapter 60 of the laws of 2012, takes effect.

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

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