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I N S E N A T E

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Introduced by Sen. AVELLA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to section 9 of article 1 of the constitution, in relation to authorizing gambling on professional sporting events and athletic events sponsored by universities or colleges

1 Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That subdivision 1 of  
2 section 9 of article 1 of the constitution be amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 1. No law shall be passed abridging the rights of the people peaceably  
5 to assemble and to petition the government, or any department thereof;  
6 nor shall any divorce be granted otherwise than by due judicial  
7 proceedings; except as hereinafter provided, no lottery or the sale of  
8 lottery tickets, pool-selling, book-making, or any other kind of gambl-  
9 ing, except lotteries operated by the state and the sale of lottery  
10 tickets in connection therewith as may be authorized and prescribed by  
11 the legislature, the net proceeds of which shall be applied exclusively  
12 to or in aid or support of education in this state as the legislature  
13 may prescribe, and except pari-mutuel betting on horse races as may be  
14 prescribed by the legislature and from which the state shall derive a  
15 reasonable revenue for the support of government, AND EXCEPT WAGERING ON  
16 PROFESSIONAL SPORTING EVENTS AND ATHLETIC EVENTS SPONSORED BY UNIVERSI-  
17 TIES OR COLLEGES AT BETTING FACILITIES LOCATED AT THOROUGHBRED AND  
18 HARNESS RACETRACKS OPERATING IN THIS STATE, IN SIMULCAST THEATERS OPER-  
19 ATED BY OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATIONS AND IN ANY CONSTITUTIONALLY  
20 AUTHORIZED CASINO FACILITY, AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY THE LEGISLATURE, THE  
21 NET PROCEEDS OF WHICH SHALL BE APPLIED EXCLUSIVELY TO OR IN AID OR  
22 SUPPORT OF EDUCATION IN THIS STATE AS THE LEGISLATURE MAY PRESCRIBE,  
23 shall hereafter be authorized or allowed within this state; and the  
24 legislature shall pass appropriate laws to prevent offenses against any  
25 of the provisions of this section.

26 S 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing amendment  
27 be referred the to first regular legislative session convening after the

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

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1 next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in  
2 conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be  
3 published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.