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Introduced by M. of A. KELLNER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Racing and Wagering -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- again reported from said committee with amendments, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the urban development corporation act, in relation to authorizing grants for the New York city off-track betting corporation; and authorizing the New York city urban development corporation to issue grants for the New York city off-track betting corporation

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

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 174 of the laws of 1968 constituting the urban development corporation act is amended by adding a new section 16-w to read as follows:

S 16-W. NEW YORK CITY OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION. THE CORPORATION IS AUTHORIZED, WITHIN AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, TO ISSUE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS ONCE PER FISCAL YEAR TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR THE PURPOSES ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ACT. SUCH GRANTS SHALL BE USED FOR WAGERING EQUIPMENT LEASED THROUGH A VENDOR, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT DEPARTMENTS AND ANY NECESSARY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS FOR THE NEW YORK CITY OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION. SUCH GRANTS, IN TWO PHASES, MAY BE USED FOR, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

(A) IN PHASE ONE:

(I) THE RE-OPENING OF PRE-EXISTING RESTAURANT AND HOTEL FACILITIES IN WHICH SIX MINI-OTB BRANCHES WERE LOCATED;

(II) THE OPENING OF ONE MEGA-TELETHEATER IN THE JAVITS CONVENTION CENTER, IF A CONVENTION HALL WITH A FORMAL DINING ROOM AND A FAST FOOD OUTLET, CAPABLE OF ACCOMMODATING THREE HUNDRED PATRONS IS CONSTRUCTED;

(III) REESTABLISHING A TELEPHONE BETTING/INTERNET WAGERING DIVISION; AND

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

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(B) IN PHASE TWO: THE OPENING OF AS MANY AS ELEVEN ANCHOR BRANCHES BASED ON CUSTOMER DEMAND, THREE EACH IN MANHATTAN, BROOKLYN AND QUEENS AND ONE EACH IN THE BRONX AND STATEN ISLAND. SUCH FACILITIES WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN THOUSAND SQUARE FEET IN AREA AND, IF APPROPRIATE, PROVIDE A FAST FOOD OUTLET. ONE ANCHOR BRANCH SHALL BE OPENED IN EACH BOROUGH IN CONJUNCTION WITH PHASE ONE OF THIS SECTION.

S 2. The New York city urban development corporation is authorized, within available appropriations, to issue requests for proposals once per fiscal year to provide grants for wagering equipment leased through a vendor, administrative support departments and any necessary collective bargaining agreements for the New York city off-track betting corporation. Such grants, in two phases, may be used for, including, but not limited to;

1. in phase one:

(a) the re-opening of pre-existing restaurant and hotel facilities in which six mini-OTB branches were located;

(b) the opening of one mega-teletheater in the Javits Convention Center, if a convention hall with a formal dining room and a fast food outlet, capable of accommodating three hundred patrons is constructed;

(c) reestablishing a telephone betting/internet wagering division; and

2. in phase two: the opening of as many as eleven anchor branches based on customer demand, three each in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens and one each in the Bronx and Staten Island. Such facilities would be approximately fifteen thousand square feet in area and, if appropriate, provide a fast food outlet. One anchor branch shall be opened in each borough in conjunction with phase one of this section.

S 3. The recognized collective bargaining representatives shall be those in effect as of December 6, 2010 for the titles they previously represented.

S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.