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Introduced by Sen. KLEIN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Racing, Gaming and Wagering -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, in relation to authorizing the payment of rebates on pari-mutuel wagers

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

Section 1. The racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law is amended by adding a new section 109-b to read as follows:

S 109-B. REBATES. 1. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "REBATE" SHALL MEAN A PORTION OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERS, OTHERWISE PAYABLE TO AN ASSOCIATION OR CORPORATION CONDUCTING PARI-MUTUEL BETTING AT A RACE MEETING ON RACES RUN THEREAT, WHICH IS PAID TO HOLDERS OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING TICKETS AND WHICH REDUCES THE AMOUNT OTHERWISE PAYABLE TO SUCH ASSOCIATION OR CORPORATION. SUCH TERM SHALL BE DEFINED IN RULES PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSION AND MAY INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, REFUNDS TO HOLDERS OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING TICKETS OF ANY PORTION OR PERCENTAGE OF THE FULL FACE VALUE OF A PARI-MUTUEL WAGER, INCREASING THE PAYOFF OF, PAYING A BONUS ON A WINNING PARI-MUTUEL TICKET, AWARDS OF MERCHANDISE, SERVICES SUCH AS MEALS, PARKING, ADMISSION, SEATING AND PROGRAMS, FREE OR REDUCED COST PARI-MUTUEL WAGERS AND MONETARY AWARDS, OR ANY OTHER BENEFIT THAT THE STATE GAMING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE TO REWARD HORSE RACING PATRONS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION AT RACE MEETINGS.

2. THE STATE GAMING COMMISSION, UPON APPLICATION OF AN ASSOCIATION OR CORPORATION CONDUCTING PARI-MUTUEL BETTING AT A RACE MEETING ON RACES RUN THEREAT, MAY APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF REBATES BY SUCH ASSOCIATION OR CORPORATION FOR A REBATE PROGRAM FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO ONE YEAR, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

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

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A. THE APPLICANT DISCLOSES THE EXTENT OF THE REBATE PROGRAM. SUCH DISCLOSURE SHALL INCLUDE A LISTING OF THE MONETARY VALUE OF ALL REBATES PAID TO BETTORS DURING THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR, AND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE AWARD OF REBATES TO BETTORS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR TO WHICH THE APPLICATION APPLIES;

B. THE APPLICANT PROVIDES ASSURANCES THAT THE VALUES OF THE REBATES ARE DETERMINED SOLELY BY (I) ATTENDANCE AT ONE OR MORE RACE MEETINGS, (II) THE AMOUNT WAGERED BY A BETTOR, (III) THE AMOUNT PAYABLE TO THE ASSOCIATION OR CORPORATION ON EACH WAGER, OR (IV) HOW FREQUENTLY A BETTOR WAGERS;

C. THE ASSOCIATION OR CORPORATION MAINTAINS RECORDS OF ALL WAGERS SUBJECT TO A REBATE, FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN THREE YEARS; AND

D. THE APPLICANT DEMONSTRATES THAT SUCH REBATES ARE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF HORSE RACING.

3. REGIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATIONS MAY OFFER REBATES ON WAGERS MADE ON RACES RUN BY ANY ASSOCIATION OR CORPORATION WHICH OFFERS REBATES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. SUCH REBATES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISIONS ONE AND TWO OF THIS SECTION.

4. UPON THE APPROVAL OF AN ASSOCIATION OR CORPORATION CONDUCTING PARI-MUTUEL BETTING AT A RACE MEETING ON RACES RUN THEREAT, ANOTHER RACING ASSOCIATION OR CORPORATION MAY PROVIDE BETTORS WITH REBATES ON WAGERS ON RACES RUN AT THE RACETRACK OPERATED BY SUCH APPROVING ASSOCIATION OR CORPORATION. ALL SUCH REBATES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISIONS ONE AND TWO OF THIS SECTION.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law; provided that effective immediately any rules, regulations and applications necessary to implement the provisions of this act on its effective date are authorized to be completed on or before such date.