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-- M. of A. BENEDETTO, BRENNAN, CLARK, COLTON, COOK, FITZPATRICK,
HIKIND, JAFFEE, PEOPLES-STOKES, RIVERA, THIELE -- read once and
referred to the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to commissioning a
statewide evaluation regarding the extent of legal and illegal gambl-
ing by New York residents

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

1 Section 1. Section 19.09 of the mental hygiene law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision (j) to read as follows:
3 (J) THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE NEW YORK STATE GAMING
4 COMMISSION, IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO COMMISSION A STATEWIDE EVALU-
5 ATION REGARDING THE EXTENT OF LEGAL AND ILLEGAL GAMBLING BY NEW YORK
6 STATE RESIDENTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE LOTTERY, HORSE
7 RACING, NATIVE AMERICAN CASINOS, INTERNET GAMBLING, SPORTS BETTING, AND
8 POKER. SUCH EVALUATION SHALL BE DELIVERED TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLA-
9 TURE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER FIRST, TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN. THE EVALUATION
10 SHALL BE PREPARED BY AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY AND SELECTED THROUGH A
11 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS.
12 (1) SUCH EVALUATION SHALL INCLUDE:
13 (A) THE PERCENTAGE OF NEW YORK RESIDENTS PARTICIPATING IN EACH GAMBL-
14 ING ACTIVITY BY:
15 (I) AGE;
16 (II) RACE;
17 (III) INCOME;
18 (IV) EDUCATION;
19 (V) SEX; AND
20 (VI) ANY OTHER DEMOGRAPHIC THAT WOULD BE RELEVANT TO THE EVALUATION;
21 AND

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

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1 (B) AN ESTIMATE OF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY BEING WAGERED AND LOST BY NEW
2 YORK RESIDENTS IN EACH GAMBLING ACTIVITY.

3 (2) SUCH EVALUATION SHALL PROVIDE A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF THE RELATION-
4 SHIPS BETWEEN PROBLEM GAMBLING AND BANKRUPTCY, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,
5 SUICIDE, CRIME, AND ANY OTHER SOCIAL PROBLEM THAT IS RELEVANT TO THE
6 EVALUATION.

7 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.