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Introduced by M. of A. PRETLOW -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of video lottery gaming

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

- 1 Section 1. Subdivisions b, c and d of section 1617-a of the tax law,
2 subdivision b as amended by chapter 137 of the laws of 2014 and subdivi-
3 sions c and d as amended by section 2 of part Z3 of chapter 62 of the
4 laws of 2003, are amended to read as follows:
5 b. Video lottery gaming shall [only] be permitted for [no more than
6 twenty consecutive hours per day and on no day shall such operation be
7 conducted past 6:00 a.m.] A VENDOR TRACK HAVING FEWER THAN ONE THOUSAND
8 FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE VIDEO GAMING MACHINES OPERATED DAILY FOR A
9 MAXIMUM OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT HOURS PER WEEK AND A MINIMUM OF ONE
10 HUNDRED TWELVE HOURS PER WEEK, AND FOR A VENDOR TRACK HAVING ONE THOU-
11 SAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE OR MORE VIDEO GAMING MACHINES OPERATED
12 DAILY FOR A MAXIMUM OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY HOURS PER WEEK AND A MINIMUM OF
13 ONE HUNDRED TWELVE HOURS PER WEEK, WITH THE ACTUAL DAILY HOURS OF OPERA-
14 TION SET BY EACH VENDOR TRACK AND APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR.
15 c. The division shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be
16 necessary for the implementation of video lottery gaming in accordance
17 with the provisions of this section [and paragraph five of subdivision a
18 of section sixteen hundred twelve of this article]. SUCH RULES AND REGU-
19 LATIONS SHALL PROVIDE FOR, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, AUTHORIZATION OF VIDEO
20 LOTTERY VERSIONS OF ANY ELECTRONIC TABLE GAME CAPABLE OF GENERATING
21 RANDOM RESULTS SUCH AS ROULETTE, BACCARAT, POKER AND "TWENTY-ONE".
22 d. THE DIVISION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE RACING AND WAGERING BOARD,
23 SHALL ENSURE THAT:
24 (1) ALL ENTITIES LICENSED BY THE DIVISION TO OPERATE VIDEO LOTTERY
25 GAMING HAVE ENTERED INTO A LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT, AS SET FORTH BELOW,

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

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1 WITH EACH LABOR ORGANIZATION THAT IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN REPRESENTING OR
2 ATTEMPTING TO REPRESENT VIDEO LOTTERY AND HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY WORKERS
3 IN THE STATE;

4 (2) THE LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT IS VALID AND ENFORCEABLE UNDER 29 U.S.C.
5 SECTION 185;

6 (3) THE LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT PROTECTS THE STATE'S REVENUES BY PROHIB-
7 ITING THE LABOR ORGANIZATION AND ITS MEMBERS FROM ENGAGING IN PICKETING,
8 WORK STOPPAGES, BOYCOTTS, AND ANY OTHER ECONOMIC INTERFERENCE WITH THE
9 OPERATION OF THE VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY; AND

10 (4) IF A RACETRACK FACILITY EXISTING AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE
11 CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN WHICH AMENDED THIS SUBDIVI-
12 SION ADDS VIDEO LOTTERY ELECTRONIC TABLE GAMES AND SUCH VIDEO LOTTERY
13 ELECTRONIC TABLE GAMES, IN THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE VIDEO LOTTERY
14 AGENT, ARE OPERATED BY AN ATTENDANT OR A DEALER, SUCH LABOR PEACE AGREE-
15 MENT NEED ONLY APPLY TO SUCH ATTENDANTS AND DEALERS OF ELECTRONIC TABLE
16 GAMES AT SUCH FACILITY, WHETHER OR NOT SUCH VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATIONS ARE
17 CONDUCTED BY A LESSEE OR TENANT OR UNDER A MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT. FOR ALL
18 OTHER FACILITIES, THE LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT APPLIES TO ALL OPERATIONS AT
19 A FACILITY WITH VIDEO LOTTERY CAPABILITIES, WHETHER OR NOT SUCH OPER-
20 ATIONS ARE CONDUCTED BY A LESSEE OR TENANT OR UNDER A MANAGEMENT AGREE-
21 MENT. THE FOREGOING LABOR PEACE PROVISIONS SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE
22 BUFFALO RACEWAY/FAIRGROUNDS IN ERIE COUNTY.

23 D-1. All workers engaged in the construction, reconstruction, develop-
24 ment, rehabilitation, or maintenance of any area for the purpose of the
25 installation, maintenance, or removal of video lottery terminals shall
26 be subject to the provisions of articles eight and nine of the labor law
27 to the extent provided in such articles.

28 S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
29 have become a law.