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I N A S S E M B L Y

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AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to electronic bell jar games

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

1 Section 1. Section 186 of the general municipal law is amended by
2 adding two new subdivisions 22 and 23 to read as follows:

3 22. "ELECTRONIC BELL JAR DEVICE" SHALL MEAN A DEVICE OR SYSTEM THAT
4 MAY BE ACTIVATED BY THE INSERTION OF CASH OR A SWIPE CARD THAT PERMITS
5 SUCCESSIVE BELL JAR GAMES TO BE DISPLAYED ON AN ELECTRONIC SCREEN AND
6 PRESERVE SUCH DATA THAT ENABLES THE BOARD TO DETERMINE THAT REVENUES
7 DERIVED FROM THE GAMES ARE PROPERLY ACCOUNTED FOR AND THAT THE INTEGRITY
8 OF THE GAMES IS MAINTAINED. PRIZES MAY BE AWARDED THROUGH A VOUCHER THAT
9 MAY BE ISSUED BY AN ELECTRONIC BELL JAR DEVICE OR THROUGH CREDITS THAT
10 MAY BE RECORDED ON A SWIPE CARD, BOTH OF WHICH MAY BE REDEEMED FOR CASH
11 THROUGH A CASHIER OR OTHER REDEMPTION SYSTEM AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD.

12 23. "SWIPE CARD" MEANS A CARD THAT MAY BE PURCHASED FROM AN AUTHORIZED
13 ORGANIZATION AND INSERTED IN AN ELECTRONIC BELL JAR DEVICE, WHICH WILL
14 THEN RECORD WINS AND LOSSES DURING THE COURSE OF PLAYING SUCH ELECTRONIC
15 BELL JAR DEVICE.

16 S 2. Section 195-n of the general municipal law is amended by adding a
17 new subdivision 1-a to read as follows:

18 1-A. NO MANUFACTURER OF ELECTRONIC BELL JAR DEVICES SHALL SELL, LEASE
19 OR OTHERWISE DISTRIBUTE SUCH DEVICES TO AN AUTHORIZED ORGANIZATION OR
20 PERMIT ITS ELECTRONIC BELL JAR DEVICES TO BE SOLD, LEASED OR OTHERWISE
21 DISTRIBUTED TO AN AUTHORIZED ORGANIZATION UNTIL SUCH MANUFACTURER HAS
22 BEEN ISSUED A LICENSE BY THE BOARD AND UNTIL AN IDENTICAL DEVICE
23 CONTAINING IDENTICAL PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE
24 BOARD, PURSUANT TO REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD. AN APPLICATION FOR
25 A LICENSE OR A RENEWAL OF SUCH LICENSE SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF

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

1 ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND SHALL BE MADE ON FORMS PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD.
2 A LICENSE SHALL BE VALID FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF ISSU-
3 ANCE.

4 S 3. Subdivision 2 of section 195-q of the general municipal law is
5 renumbered subdivision 3 and a new subdivision 2 is added to read as
6 follows:

7 2. A. WITHIN THREE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE, LEASE OR DISTRIBUTION
8 OF AN ELECTRONIC BELL JAR DEVICE TO AN AUTHORIZED ORGANIZATION, A
9 MANUFACTURER SHALL PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A COPY OF AN INVOICE WHICH
10 SHOWS (I) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE AUTHORIZED ORGANIZATION; (II) THE
11 DATE OF SALE, LEASE OR DISTRIBUTION; (III) THE SERIAL NUMBER OF EACH
12 SUCH DEVICE; AND (IV) SUCH OTHER INFORMATION AS THE BOARD MAY, BY REGU-
13 LATION, DIRECT.

14 B. AN AUTHORIZED ORGANIZATION MAY ONLY CONDUCT ELECTRONIC BELL JAR
15 GAMES ON PREMISES THAT IT OWNS OR LEASES.

16 C. AN ELECTRONIC BELL JAR DEVICE SHALL CONTAIN A SERIES OF BELL JAR
17 GAMES THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE
18 HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE-M OF THIS ARTICLE, EXCEPT THAT PAPER TICKETS SHALL
19 APPEAR AS IMAGES ON AN ELECTRONIC SCREEN. EACH GAME SHALL BE IDENTIFIED
20 BY A UNIQUE SERIAL NUMBER AND THE BELL JAR DEVICE SHALL DIVULGE (I) A
21 DESCRIPTION OF THE GAME; (II) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS IN THE GAME;
22 (III) THE PAYOUT PERCENTAGE OF THE GAME; (IV) THE PURCHASE PRICE PER
23 TICKET; AND (V) THE NUMBER AND AMOUNTS OF TICKETS THAT RESULT IN
24 WINNERS. THE AUTHORIZED ORGANIZATION SHALL ALSO MAINTAIN THE FOREGOING
25 INFORMATION IN PRINTED FORM.

26 D. UPON COMPLETION OF A GAME, THE DATA CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH C OF
27 THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE PRESERVED BY THE ELECTRONIC BELL JAR DEVICE,
28 TOGETHER WITH THE FOLLOWING: (I) THE TIME AND DATE THAT THE GAME BECAME
29 AVAILABLE FOR PLAY; (II) THE TIME AND DATE THAT THE GAME WAS COMPLETED
30 OR REMOVED FROM PLAY; (III) TOTAL AMOUNT OF TICKETS PURCHASED; (IV)
31 TOTAL AMOUNT OF PRIZES AWARDED; AND (V) SUCH OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE
32 BOARD MAY DIRECT, BY REGULATION, THAT ALLOWS THE BOARD TO DETERMINE THAT
33 THE GAME WAS CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

34 E. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH D OF THIS SUBDIVISION, SHALL
35 BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD AT SUCH INTERVALS AS THE BOARD, BY REGULATION,
36 MAY DIRECT. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TICKETS PURCHASED AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT
37 OF PRIZES AWARDED FOR EACH GAME COMPLETED SHALL ALSO BE COMPILED INTO A
38 MONTHLY REPORT THAT SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD NO LATER THAN THE
39 FIFTEENTH DAY OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH, TOGETHER WITH THE MONTHLY FEE
40 DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH F OF THIS SUBDIVISION.

41 F. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION,
42 THE MONTHLY FEE FOR CONDUCTING ELECTRONIC BELL JAR GAMES SHALL BE FIVE
43 PERCENT OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TOTAL AMOUNT FOR TICKETS PURCHASED
44 AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF PRIZES AWARDED FOR EACH GAME THAT WAS COMPLETED
45 DURING THE PRECEDING MONTH.

46 G. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, "NET PROCEEDS" FROM
47 ELECTRONIC BELL JARS SHALL CONSIST OF THE AMOUNTS DERIVED FROM THE SALE
48 OF BELL JAR TICKETS, LESS PAYMENTS FOR PRIZES AWARDED, FEES PAID TO THE
49 BOARD, AND PAYMENTS MADE TO MANUFACTURERS FOR THE PURCHASE, LEASE OR
50 OTHER DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRONIC BELL JAR DEVICES AND THE SOFTWARE
51 CONTAINED IN SUCH DEVICES.

52 S 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
53 it shall have become a law.