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Introduced by Sen. AVELLA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to section 9 of article 1 of the constitution, in relation to authorizing gambling on professional sporting events and athletic events sponsored by universities or colleges

1     Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That subdivision 1 of  
2 section 9 of article 1 of the constitution be amended to read as  
3 follows:  
4     1. No law shall be passed abridging the rights of the people peaceably  
5 to assemble and to petition the government, or any department thereof;  
6 nor shall any divorce be granted otherwise than by due judicial  
7 proceedings; except as hereinafter provided, no lottery or the sale of  
8 lottery tickets, pool-selling, book-making, or any other kind of gambl-  
9 ing, except lotteries operated by the state and the sale of lottery  
10 tickets in connection therewith as may be authorized and prescribed by  
11 the legislature, the net proceeds of which shall be applied exclusively  
12 to or in aid or support of education in this state as the legislature  
13 may prescribe, except pari-mutuel betting on horse races as may be  
14 prescribed by the legislature and from which the state shall derive a  
15 reasonable revenue for the support of government, and except casino  
16 gambling at no more than seven facilities as authorized and prescribed  
17 by the legislature shall hereafter be authorized or allowed within this  
18 state; AND EXCEPT WAGERING ON PROFESSIONAL SPORTING EVENTS AND ATHLETIC  
19 EVENTS SPONSORED BY UNIVERSITIES OR COLLEGES AT BETTING FACILITIES  
20 LOCATED AT THOROUGHBRED AND HARNESS RACETRACKS OPERATING IN THIS STATE,  
21 IN SIMULCAST THEATERS OPERATED BY OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATIONS AND IN  
22 ANY CONSTITUTIONALLY AUTHORIZED CASINO FACILITY, AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY  
23 THE LEGISLATURE, THE NET PROCEEDS OF WHICH SHALL BE APPLIED EXCLUSIVELY  
24 TO OR IN AID OR SUPPORT OF EDUCATION IN THIS STATE AS THE LEGISLATURE  
25 MAY PRESCRIBE, and the legislature shall pass appropriate laws to  
26 prevent offenses against any of the provisions of this section.

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

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1     S   2.   Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing amendment  
2   be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the  
3   next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in  
4   conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be  
5   published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.