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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL, CRESPO, DAVILA, BARRON -- 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 gambling by New York state residents

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- Section 1. Section 19.09 of the mental hygiene law is amended by
- 2 adding a new subdivision (k) to read as follows: 3 (k) 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 gambling by New York state residents,
- including, but not limited to the lottery, horse racing, Native American
- casinos, internet gambling, sports betting, and poker. Such evaluation 8 shall be delivered to the governor and legislature no later than Decem-
- 9 ber first, two thousand twenty-one. The evaluation shall be prepared by
- 10 an independent entity and selected through a request for proposal proc-
- ess. Such evaluation shall include: 11
- (1) the percentage of New York residents participating in each gambl-12
- 13 <u>ing activity by:</u>
- 14 <u>(a) age;</u>
- 15 (b) race;
- 16 (c) income; 17 (d) education;
- 18 (e) sex; and
- 19 (f) any other demographic that would be relevant to the evaluation;
- 20 **and**
- 21 (2) an estimate of the amount of money being wagered and lost by New
- 22 York residents in each gambling activity.
- 23 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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