STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 10, 2018

Introduced by Sen. SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed 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 adding a new subdivision (k) to read as follows:

(k) The commissioner, in consultation with the New York state gaming commission, is authorized and directed to commission a statewide evaluation 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 shall be delivered to the governor and legislature no later than December first, two thousand twenty-one. The evaluation shall be prepared by an independent entity and selected through a request for proposal process. Such evaluation shall include:

(1) the percentage of New York residents participating in each gambling activity by:

(a) age;

(b) race;

(c) income;

(d) education;

(e) sex; and

(f) any other demographic that would be relevant to the evaluation; and

(2) an estimate of the amount of money being wagered and lost by New York residents in each gambling activity.

§ 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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