

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

June 20, 2018

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

AN ACT to amend the racing, pari-mutuel, wagering and breeding law, in relation to establishing the task force on mobile sports wagering for the purpose of conducting certain hearings regarding mobile sports wagering and reporting its finding to the governor and the legislature

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

1 Section 1. Section 1367 of the racing, pari-mutuel, wagering and
2 breeding law is amended by adding a new subdivision 7 to read as
3 follows:

4 7. Task force on mobile sports wagering. (a) As used in this section,
5 "mobile sports wagering platform" or "platform" means the combination of
6 hardware, software, and data networks used to facilitate, enable,
7 manage, administer, or control sports wagering and any associated wagers
8 accessible by any electronic means including mobile applications and
9 internet websites accessed via a mobile device or computer, or otherwise
10 facilitating or enabling sports wagering by use of a mobile device or
11 computer.

12 (b) Prior to allowing use of a mobile sports wagering platform or
13 otherwise facilitating or enabling sports wagering by use of a mobile
14 device or computer, other than from inside a facility as authorized by
15 this section, a task force consisting of thirteen members shall be
16 appointed as follows: the executive director of the state gaming commis-
17 sion or his/her designee, the director of the division of the budget or
18 his/her designee, the state lottery director or his/her designee, the
19 state comptroller or his/her designee, the state attorney general or
20 his/her designee, three persons appointed by the speaker of the assem-
21 bly, one person appointed by the minority leader in the assembly, three
22 persons appointed by the temporary president of the senate, and one
23 person appointed by the minority leader of the senate. After being duly
24 constituted, such task force shall elect a chairperson by a simple
25 majority. After being constituted, such task force shall promptly
26 conduct at least four public hearings, of which at least two shall occur

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

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1 in an OTB region containing a facility authorized by this section,
2 where, after proper notice of such hearing is given by such task force,
3 comments, opinions and testimony will be solicited from the general
4 public, interest groups, labor unions, and elected officials about any
5 of the following matters, and such other matters as a simple majority of
6 such task force may authorize:

7 (1) whether state constitution provisions permit any entity to use a
8 mobile sports wagering platform within the state;

9 (2) whether use of mobile sports wagering platforms would adversely
10 affect the tourism, business opportunities and employment at the exist-
11 ing casinos operating under this article;

12 (3) a determination of technical measures that can be required to
13 prevent minors using mobile sports wagering platforms, or prevent a
14 problem gambler from doing so;

15 (4) whether permitting use of mobile sports wagering platforms would
16 inadvertently eliminate prohibitions, state and federal, on other forms
17 of gambling over the internet;

18 (5) the extent of the cannibalization of revenues to the host communi-
19 ties of casinos operating pursuant to this article on January first, two
20 thousand eighteen, caused by use of mobile sports wagering platforms;

21 (6) the extent of the cannibalization to existing state and local
22 gambling revenue derived from thoroughbred and standard bred horse
23 racing entities, regional off-track betting corporations operating on
24 January first, two thousand eighteen, caused by use of mobile sports
25 wagering platforms;

26 (7) the extent of the cannibalization of existing state and local
27 lottery revenue caused by use of mobile sports wagering platforms;

28 (8) whether the privilege to use a mobile sports wagering platform by
29 a facility operating under this section is delegable to any other
30 person, firm, business or entity;

31 (9) whether the use of mobile sports wagering platforms would nega-
32 tively impact existing and future jobs by automating sports wagering;
33 and

34 (10) such other and further input from the public on subject matters
35 as a majority of the task force deems appropriate and necessary.

36 (c) The task force shall submit to the legislature and governor on or
37 before March first in the year following the effective date of this
38 subdivision its public policy recommendations regarding the use of
39 mobile sports wagering platforms at sites not operating under this
40 section, together with draft legislation implementing such policy recom-
41 mendations.

42 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately. Effective immediately the
43 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary
44 for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized
45 to be made on or before such date.