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Introduced by Sen. BONACIC -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Racing, Gaming and Wagering

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. Subdivision 3-a of section 186 of the general municipal
2 law, as amended by chapter 531 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 3-a. "Bell jars" shall mean and include those games in which a partic-
5 ipant shall draw a card from a jar, vending machine, or other suitable
6 device or container which contains numbers, colors or symbols that are
7 covered and which, when uncovered, may reveal that a prize shall be
8 awarded on the basis of a designated winning number, color or symbol or
9 combination of numbers, colors or symbols. Bell jars shall also include
10 seal cards, coin boards, event games, and merchandise boards. Notwith-
11 standing any other provision of law, bell jar vending machines shall
12 dispense pre-printed physical bell jar tickets and may include features
13 to aid players and enhance accountability, including functionality to
14 electronically verify if a ticket is redeemable for a prize, reveal
15 ticket results through creative audio and video displays, and electron-
16 ically aggregate winning prizes for continued play or a single voucher
17 for prize redemption. After the effective date of the chapter of the
18 laws of two thousand seventeen that amended this subdivision, no new
19 bell jar ticket vending machine which features the player aids described
20 herein shall be deployed or used by any licensed organization within the
21 jurisdictional boundaries defined in subdivision two of section thirteen
22 hundred eleven of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law
23 unless the board shall first issue a formal written opinion that the
24 specific type of vending machine to be deployed is not violative of a

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

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1 valid and effective gaming compact between the state and an Indian tribe
2 or nation.

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

5 1-a. Approval. No manufacturer of bell jar vending machines shall
6 sell, lease or otherwise distribute such vending machines to an author-
7 ized distributor for sale or lease to an authorized organization or
8 permit its vending machines to be sold, leased or otherwise distributed
9 to an authorized distributor or authorized organization until such vend-
10 ing machine has been approved by the board, pursuant to regulations
11 adopted by the board, provided such vending machine contains identical
12 functionality as the vending machine approved by the board. An applica-
13 tion for a license or a renewal of such license shall be accompanied by
14 a fee of one thousand dollars and shall be made on forms prescribed by
15 the board. A license shall be valid for a period of one year from the
16 date of issuance.

17 § 3. Subdivision 2 of section 195-q of the general municipal law is
18 renumbered subdivision 3 and a new subdivision 2 is added to read as
19 follows:

20 2. a. Within five business days after the sale, lease or distribution
21 of a bell jar vending machine to an authorized organization, a distribu-
22 tor shall provide the board with a copy of an invoice which shows (i)
23 the name and address of the authorized organization; (ii) the date of
24 sale, lease or distribution; (iii) the serial number of each such vend-
25 ing machine; and (iv) such other information as the board may, by regu-
26 lation direct.

27 b. An authorized organization may only operate bell jar vending
28 machines on premises that it owns or leases.

29 c. Each bell jar vending machine shall generate such reports and such
30 other information that the board may direct, by regulation, which allows
31 the board to determine that the vending machine is operating in accord-
32 ance with law.

33 d. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision one of this section,
34 the monthly fee to be paid to the board for operating each bell jar
35 vending machine shall be five percent of the net proceeds. Net proceeds
36 shall be defined by the board.

37 § 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
38 it shall have become a law.