STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

February 9, 2017

Introduced by M. of A. WEPRIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Racing and Wagering

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

Section 1. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That subdivision 1 of section 9 of article 1 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

1. No law shall be passed abridging the rights of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government, or any department thereof; nor shall any divorce be granted otherwise than by due judicial proceedings; except as hereinafter provided, no lottery or the sale of lottery tickets, pool-selling, book-making, or any other kind of gambling, except lotteries operated by the state and the sale of lottery tickets in connection therewith as may be authorized and prescribed by the legislature, the net proceeds of which shall be applied exclusively to or in aid or support of education in this state as the legislature may prescribe, except pari-mutuel betting on horse races as may be prescribed by the legislature and from which the state shall derive a reasonable revenue for the support of government, and except casino gambling at no more than seven facilities as authorized and prescribed by the legislature shall hereafter be authorized or allowed within this state; **and except wagering on professional sporting events and athletic events sponsored by universities or colleges at betting facilities located at thoroughbred and harness racetracks operating in this state, in simulcast theaters operated by off-track betting corporations and in any constitutionally authorized casino facility, as may be prescribed by the legislature, the net proceeds of which shall be applied exclusively to or in aid or support of education in this state as the legislature may prescribe,** and the legislature shall pass appropriate laws to 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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§ 2. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the foregoing amendment be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.