

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:

1 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,
6 including, but not limited to the lottery, horse racing, Native American
7 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-
11 ess. Such evaluation shall include:

12 (1) the percentage of New York residents participating in each gambl-
13 ing activity by:

14 (a) age;

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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