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Introduced by M. of A. CYMBROWITZ, CAHILL, CRESPO -- Multi-Sponsored by  
-- M. of A. BENEDETTO, COLTON, COOK, FITZPATRICK, JAFFEE,  
PEOPLES-STOKES, RIVERA, THIELE -- read once and referred 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 legal and illegal gambling  
by New York 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 legal and illegal 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-three. The evaluation  
shall be prepared by an independent entity and selected through a  
request for proposal process.

(1) Such evaluation shall include:

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

(i) age;

(ii) race;

(iii) income;

(iv) education;

(v) sex; and

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

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

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

3     (2) Such evaluation shall provide a critical analysis of the relation-  
4     ships between problem gambling and bankruptcy, domestic violence,  
5     suicide, crime, and any other social problem that is relevant to the  
6     evaluation.

7     § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.