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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to video lottery gaming in the counties of Suffolk and Nassau; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto

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

Section 1. Paragraph 4 of subdivision a of section 1617-a of the tax law is REPEALED.

§ 2. Paragraph 2 of subdivision b of section 1612 of the tax law, as amended by section 2 of part S of chapter 39 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

2. As consideration for the operation of a video lottery gaming facility, the division, shall cause the investment in the racing industry of a portion of the vendor fee received pursuant to paragraph one of this subdivision in the manner set forth in this subdivision. With the exception of Aqueduct racetrack, a video lottery gaming facility authorized pursuant to paragraph five of subdivision a of section sixteen hundred seventeen-a of this article [~~or a facility in the county of Nassau or Suffolk operated by a corporation established pursuant to section five hundred two of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law~~], each such track shall dedicate a portion of its vendor fees, received pursuant to clause (A), (B), (B-1), (B-2), (C), or (D) of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph one of this subdivision, for the purpose of enhancing purses at such track, in an amount equal to eight and three-quarters percent of the total revenue wagered at the vendor track after pay out for prizes. One percent of the gross purse enhancement amount, as required by this subdivision, shall be paid to the gaming commission to be used exclusively to promote and ensure equine health and safety in New York. Any portion of such funding to the gaming commission unused during a fiscal year shall be returned to the video

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

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lottery gaming operators on a pro rata basis in accordance with the amounts originally contributed by each operator and shall be used for the purpose of enhancing purses at such track. One and one-half percent of the gross purse enhancement amount at a thoroughbred track, as required by this subdivision, shall be paid to an account established pursuant to section two hundred twenty-one-a of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law to be used exclusively to provide health insurance for jockeys. In addition, with the exception of Aqueduct race-track, a video lottery gaming facility authorized pursuant to paragraph five of subdivision a of section sixteen hundred seventeen-a of this article or a facility in the county of Nassau or Suffolk operated by a corporation established pursuant to section five hundred two of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, one and one-quarter percent of total revenue wagered at the vendor track after pay out for prizes, received pursuant to clause (A), (B), (B-1), (B-2), (C), or (D) of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph one of this subdivision, shall be distributed to the appropriate breeding fund for the manner of racing conducted by such track.

Provided, further, that nothing in this paragraph shall prevent each track from entering into an agreement, not to exceed five years, with the organization authorized to represent its horsemen to increase or decrease the portion of its vendor fee dedicated to enhancing purses at such track during the years of participation by such track, or to race fewer dates than required herein.

§ 3. Subdivision f-1 of section 1612 of the tax law is REPEALED.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.