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## IN ASSEMBLY

(Prefiled)

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Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law and the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, in relation to gambling and the creation of a self-exclusion request for removal form

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 (1) to read as follows:

(1) The commissioner shall identify or develop educational materials regarding compulsive gambling for the purpose of informing individuals about the dangers of problem gambling as well as treatment opportunities that may be available to them. Such educational materials shall be provided to individuals when they voluntarily place themselves on a self-exclusion list of an association or corporation licensed or franchised by the New York state gaming commission pursuant to section one hundred eleven of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law. Such materials shall also be made available on the website of the office. To the extent that a gaming facility licensed pursuant to article thirteen of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law has already created materials pursuant to section thirteen hundred sixty-two of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law that effectuate the intent of this subdivision, such educational materials may be utilized by the gaming facility instead of ones identified or developed by the commissioner.

§ 2. Section 111 of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, as added by section 1 of part A of chapter 60 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

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

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§ 111. Compulsive gambling assistance. 1. The commission shall cooperate with the commissioner of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse~~] addiction services and supports to ensure the posting of signs and listing of information on the internet designed to assist compulsive gamblers pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (h) of section 19.09 of the mental hygiene law. Such postings shall include information explaining how an individual may add his or her name to the list of self-excluded persons. Signs shall be posted at a reasonable distance from each entrance, exit and automated teller machine in the facility.

2. (a) The commission shall promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to which people may voluntarily exclude themselves from entering the premises of an association or corporation licensed or enfranchised by the commission pursuant to this chapter. In promulgating such rules and regulations the commission shall ensure, to the extent practicable, that there is consistency in the process followed under each division in which an individual may voluntarily exclude themselves. Such rules and regulations shall provide that:

(i) an association or corporation licensed or enfranchised pursuant to this chapter maintain an updated list of all persons who have requested exclusion pursuant to this section and shall submit such list to the commission no less than every five days;

(ii) an association or corporation licensed or enfranchised pursuant to this chapter shall not offer coupons, market its services, or send advertisements to or otherwise solicit the patronage of, a self-excluded person; and

(iii) no employee or agent of an association or corporation licensed or enfranchised pursuant to this chapter shall divulge any name of a self-excluded person, other than to authorized surveillance, security or other personnel whose duties and functions require access to such information, the division, the commission or their duly authorized representatives.

(b) An association or corporation licensed or enfranchised pursuant to this chapter shall not be liable to any self-excluded person or to any other party in any judicial proceeding for any harm, monetary or otherwise, which may arise as a result of a self-excluded person's engaging in gaming activity while on the list of self-excluded persons; provided that nothing contained in this paragraph shall limit the liability of any such association, corporation, or facility for any other acts or omissions under any other statutory law or under the common law.

(c) No voluntary order or request to exclude persons from entering the premises of any such association, corporation, or facility may be rescinded, canceled, or declared null and void until seven days after a request has been received by such association, corporation, or facility to cancel such order or request.

3. The commission shall promulgate rules and regulations under which a person with an account authorized pursuant to section one thousand twelve of this chapter may voluntarily place limits on the amounts of his or her wagers or potential wagers on a daily or weekly basis. No order from a person to remove any limit placed on account wagers shall be effective until seven days after it has been received by the entity conducting account wagering.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law.