STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 11, 2024

Introduced by Sens. ADDABBO, MARTINEZ, COONEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Racing, Gaming and Wagering

AN ACT to amend the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, in relation to the discretionary spending threshold for regional off-track betting corporations on food products

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 507 of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, as amended by chapter 286 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

1. **a.** Each corporation shall let contracts for construction or any other work, including the furnishing of materials or supplies incident thereto, and contracts for the purchase or procurement of equipment, materials or supplies: (i) in the manner provided by law with respect to the letting of such contracts by counties [~~except that where the estimated expense of a contract does not exceed fifteen thousand dollars, such contract may be entered into without public letting~~], provided, however, that where the corporation determines with respect to any contract that it would not be in the public interest to comply with this section and the governing body of each county, by resolution, rule or regulation adopted by the vote of two-thirds of the whole number of votes authorized to be cast by all of the members of such body, concurs in such determination, then it may enter into such contract without public letting as authorized by said resolution, rules and regulations; (ii) in conjunction with one or more regional off-track betting corporations pursuant to this section; or (iii) in the manner provided in section six hundred nine of this chapter if in conjunction with the New York city off-track betting corporation.

b. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a corporation shall have the discretionary spending threshold of a state agency as provided in subdivision six of section one hundred sixty-three of the state finance law, as it relates to commodities which are considered food, including milk and milk products, or animal or plant fiber

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

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products, grown, produced, harvested, or processed in New York state or textile products manufactured from animal or plant fiber grown or produced predominantly in New York state.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.