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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, in relation to prohibiting online sweepstakes games and revenue from illegal markets

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

1 Section 1. Legislative purpose. It is the purpose of this legislation  
2 to prohibit certain persons from operating, conducting, or promoting  
3 certain online sweepstakes games or supporting the operation, conduct-  
4 ing, or promotion of certain online sweepstakes games. This legislation  
5 requires the New York state gaming commission and/or the New York state  
6 attorney general to deny a person from commencing or continuing oper-  
7 ations if such person or an affiliate of such person knowingly accepts  
8 revenue that is directly or indirectly derived from online sweepstakes  
9 games, and enforce penalties on behalf of any findings of prohibited  
10 engagement.

11 § 2. The racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law is amended by  
12 adding a new section 912 to read as follows:

13 § 912. Prohibition of online sweepstakes games and revenue from ille-  
14 gal markets. 1. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, "online  
15 sweepstakes game" shall mean any game, contest, or promotion that is  
16 available on the internet and/or accessible on a mobile phone, computer  
17 terminal, or similar access device, that utilizes a dual-currency system  
18 of payment allowing the player to exchange the currency for any prize,  
19 award, cash or cash equivalents, or any chance to win any price, award,  
20 cash or cash equivalents, and simulates casino-style gaming, including  
21 but not limited to, slot machines, video poker, table games including  
22 but not limited to blackjack, roulette, craps, and poker, lottery games  
23 including but not limited to draw games, instant win games, keno, and

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

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1 bingo, and sports wagering. A sweepstakes game shall not include a game  
2 which does not award cash prizes or cash equivalents.

3 2. Prohibition. (a) It shall be unlawful for any applicant, licensed  
4 entity, gaming employee, key employee, individual investor or investment  
5 firm, board member, or any other person or entity to operate, conduct,  
6 or promote sweepstakes games within the state of New York.

7 (b) It shall be unlawful for any applicant, licensed entity, financial  
8 institution, payment processor, geolocation provider, gaming content  
9 supplier, platform provider, or media affiliate to support the opera-  
10 tion, conduct, or promotion of sweepstakes games within the state of New  
11 York.

12 3. Penalties. Any applicant, licensed entity, gaming employee, key  
13 employee, individual investor or investment firm, board member, or any  
14 other person or entity found in violation of this section shall be  
15 subject to a fine of not less than ten thousand dollars and not more  
16 than one hundred thousand dollars for each violation and shall be  
17 subject to the loss of a gaming license and/or be ineligible for a  
18 gaming license.

19 4. Enforcement. (a) The state gaming commission, the state police, or  
20 the attorney general's office shall have the authority to enforce the  
21 provisions of this section.

22 (b) The state gaming commission may conduct investigations, hold hear-  
23 ings, issue cease and desist letters, and issue subpoenas to ensure  
24 compliance with the provisions of this section.

25 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.