STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 21, 2025

Introduced by Sen. ADDABBO -- 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 and the tax law, in relation to prohibiting individuals under the age of twenty-one from gambling

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 108 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:

2. No corporation, association or person that holds a license, registration, franchise, certificate or permit issued by the commission shall permit any person who is actually or apparently under [~~eighteen~~] **twenty-one** years of age to bet on gaming activity, as defined in subdivision five of section one hundred one of this article.

§ 2. The opening paragraph of subdivision b of section 1617-a of the tax law, as amended by section 1 of part SS of chapter 60 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

Such rules and regulations shall provide, as a condition of licensure, that racetracks to be licensed are certified to be in compliance with all state and local fire and safety codes, **that no person who is actually and apparently under twenty-one years of age shall be permitted to participate in video lottery gaming,** that the gaming commission is afforded adequate space, infrastructure, and amenities consistent with industry standards for such video lottery gaming operations as found at racetracks in other states, that racetrack employees involved in the operation of video lottery gaming pursuant to this section are licensed by the gaming commission and such other terms and conditions of licensure as the gaming commission may establish. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, video lottery gaming at a racetrack pursuant

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

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to this section shall be deemed an approved activity for such racetrack under the relevant city, county, town, or village land use or zoning ordinances, rules, or regulations. No entity licensed by the gaming commission operating video lottery gaming pursuant to this section may house such gaming activity in a structure deemed or approved by the division as "temporary" for a duration of longer than [~~eighteen months~~] **eighteen months**. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the gaming commission from licensing an entity to operate video lottery gaming at an existing racetrack as authorized in this subdivision whether or not a different entity is licensed to conduct horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering at such racetrack pursuant to article two or three of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law.

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