STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 10, 2025

Introduced by Sen. ADDABBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Racing, Gaming and Wagering -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, in relation to the acceleration of the downstate casino licenses

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

Section 1. Subdivision 7 of section 109-a of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, as amended by section 9 of part RR of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

7. Utilizing the powers and duties prescribed for it by article thirteen of this chapter, the board shall select, through a competitive process consistent with provisions of article thirteen of this chapter, not more than seven gaming facility license applicants. Such selectees shall be authorized to receive a gaming facility license, if found suitable by the commission. The board may select another applicant for authorization to be licensed as a gaming facility if a previous selectee fails to meet licensing thresholds, is revoked or surrenders a license opportunity. **For the purposes of title two-a of article thirteen of this chapter, such selection shall take place pursuant to section thirteen hundred twenty-one-d of this chapter.**

§ 2. Section 1321-b of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, as added by section 7 of part RR of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1321-b. Requests for applications. Requests for applications shall be handled in the same manner as provided for in section thirteen hundred twelve of this article for gaming licenses authorized but not awarded, provided however that any requests for applications for gaming facility licenses authorized but not awarded may be for gaming facility licenses in any region in zone one or in regions one, two and five in

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

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zone two. **All applications under this section must be submitted by June twenty-seventh, two thousand twenty-five.**

§ 3. Section 1321-d of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 5 and 6 to read as follows:

5. The board shall complete a review of all applications that have received approval from the applicable community advisory committee and submit decisions to the commission for the selection of up to three licenses by December first, two thousand twenty-five.

6. The commission shall select up to three applicants to receive licenses by December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-five.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.