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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. KRUEGER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, in relation to enacting the "gamblers unfairly abused by reward dynamics (GUARD) act"

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "gamblers unfairly abused by reward dynamics (GUARD) act".

§ 2. Subparagraphs (xiv) and (xv) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 4 of section 1367-a of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, as added by section 4 of part Y of chapter 59 of the laws of 2021, are amended and a new subparagraph (xvi) is added to read as follows:

(xiv) maintain a publicly accessible internet page dedicated to responsible play, a link to which must appear on the mobile sports wagering operator's website and in any mobile application or electronic platform on which a bettor may place wagers. The responsible play page shall include: a statement of the mobile sports wagering operator's policy and commitment to responsible gaming; information regarding, or links to information regarding, the risks associated with gambling and the potential signs of problem gaming; the availability of self-imposed responsible gaming limits; a link to a problem gaming webpage maintained by the office of addiction services and supports; and such other information or statements as the commission may require by rule; [~~and~~]

(xv) submit annually a problem gaming plan that was approved by the commission in consultation with the office of addiction services and supports that includes: the objectives of and timetables for implementing the plan; identification of the persons responsible for implementing and maintaining the plan; procedures for identifying users with suspected or known problem gaming behavior; procedures for providing information to users concerning problem gaming identification and

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

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resources; procedures to prevent gaming by minors and self-excluded persons; and such other problem gaming information as the commission may require by rule[~~.~~]**; and**

(xvi) refrain from offering or providing any form of bonus bet, free bet, money back, contest entry, special odds, bonus payout or other monetary incentive for any person to: (A) open a new account; (B) refer a friend or other person to open a new account, provided that this subparagraph shall not apply to payments by mobile sports wagering operators to its employees or contractors engaged in marketing activities; (C) place an initial bet; (D) re-activate or re-open an expired or lapsed account; (E) place a bet when such person has not otherwise made a bet in a ninety-day period; or (F) modify a self-exclusion gaming limit as set forth in subparagraph (xii) of this paragraph.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.