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Senator Addabbo's Statement on Otb Retirees and Catskill Otb Bill

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Queens, NY, June 26, 2012 -- NYS Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr., a member of the Senate's Racing, Gaming & Wagering Committee, has released the following statement on last Thursday's vote -- the last day of the 2012 legislative session in Albany:

Justice was accomplished when the OTB retiree benefits bill (A.7301/S.5054) passed both the Senate and Assembly. While we can enjoy the moment, the real work must continue -- to impress upon the Governor to sign the bill into law. In my opinion, the OTB retirees were the innocent victims when all the OTB sites were closed. I intend to work with all my colleagues in government to advocate for this righteous bill to become law. The same goes for the bill that would allow the Catskill OTB operator to expand into the five boroughs of New York City and open OTB sites. The opportunity would exist to create jobs and offer former OTB employees positions at the new OTB locations.

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