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REPORT

NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON

RACING, GAMING
& WAGERING



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NYS Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins Senate
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Re: 2020 Racing Gaming and Wagering Committee Annual Report

Dear Senator Stewart-Cousins,

I hope this correspondence finds you well and staying safe. Thank you for the privilege to Chair the Senate Racing Gaming and Wagering Committee. While my committee team and I were disappointed in the shortened legislative session caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we remained focused on improving all facets of gaming and horseracing in our state, including the related revenue, educational funding, jobs and the critical issue of gaming addiction.

The following document is our 2020 committee report, summarizing the accomplishments of said committee.

The exemplary and dedicated efforts of the Committee Director, Shanna Cassidy, along with the legal counsel, Chris Higgins and Paul McCarthy, were commendable and appreciated. I also acknowledge professionalism and legislative input of the Ranking Minority Member, Senator Daphne Jordan, and the committee members.

Very truly yours,



Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr.
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COMMITTEE STAFF

Shanna Cassidy, Committee Director
Christopher Higgins, Deputy Counsel
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COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The 2021-2022 New York State Budget legalized mobile sports wagering and provided for a competitive process for the awarding of at least two platform providers and four operators to offer mobile sports wagering to New Yorkers. With its passage and license awarding, mobile sports wagering will bring a number of benefits to New York State. These benefits include:

- Increased revenue to the State
- Increased education aid
- Keeping sports wagering revenue currently going to other states
- Evaluation criteria measuring an applicant's efforts to foster racial, ethnic, and gender diversity in their workforce
- Funding and safeguards for problem gambling

Also in the 2021-2022 New York State Budget, we agreed upon a Request for Information for the three unused downstate Casino licenses.

Additionally, The Committee passed landmark race horse "aftercare" legislation, subsequently signed by Governor Kathy Hochul, which increases protections for retired race horses and provides funding for adequate care, protection, and livelihood of them - including banning the slaughtering of race horses and race horse breeding stock. The legislation also included criminal penalties, with strict liability, for owners that violate this statute.

On June 2, 2021 Executive Director of the New York State Gaming Commission, Robert Williams met with the New York State Senate Racing, Gaming and Wagering Committee.

TWO HOUSE BILLS

In 2021, eight bills of the forty four bills referred to the Standing Committee on Racing, Gaming and Wagering passed both houses of the Legislature. Of these bills, the Governor has signed six and two were vetoed by the Governor.

Bill No.	Sponsor	Summary	Action
S1442B	Addabbo	Prohibits the slaughter of race horses and race horse breeding stock; requires that race horses be microchipped; provides for gifts for thoroughbred aftercare on tax returns.	Signed, Chapter #645
S1463A	Addabbo	Extends the provisions relating to the New York state thoroughbred breeding and development fund until eleven years after the commencement of the operation of a video lottery terminal facility at Aqueduct racetrack	Signed, Chapter #211
S4549B	Addabbo	Establishes a program to administer the purchase of health insurance for New York trainers at franchised corporation race tracks	Signed, Chapter #450
S5723	Addabbo	Relates to certain payments to the horsemen's organization; extends such provision to 2022.	Signed, Chapter #216
S6230	Sanders	Requires a New York state legend on all bell jar tickets sold in New York state	Veto By Governor, Veto Memo. 48
S6352	Addabbo	Relates to the disposition of pari-mutuel pools of the franchised corporation	Signed, Chapter #367
S6390	Addabbo	Prohibits coupled entries on any horse trained or ridden by a jockey's immediate family member with any horse ridden by such jockey	Veto By Governor, Veto Memo. 49
S6832	Addabbo	Extends certain provisions of the tax law in regard to operational expenses of certain gaming facilities	Signed, Chapter #143

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Bill No.	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Action
S1335	Krueger	Relates to the casino siting home rule	Passed The Senate
S1379	Brooks	Relates to authorizing licensed authorized organizations to conduct certain poker tournaments as licensed games of chance fundraisers	Passed The Senate
S1439	Addabbo	Relates to interactive fantasy sports contests; repealer	Passed The Senate
S1441	Addabbo	Allows off-track betting corporations to set up special reserve funds	Passed The Senate
S1443A	Addabbo	Relates to state gaming commission operational licenses	Passed The Senate
S1646	Skoufis	Permits employees of authorized organizations to operate games of chance	Passed The Senate
S2606	Helming	Relates to the operation of bingo games	Advanced To Third Reading
S4105	Addabbo	Provides that a dealer-controlled electronic table game shall not be considered a slot machine	Reported And Committed To Finance
S5091	Kennedy	Relates to participation in games of bingo by minors	Passed Senate
S5346	Stec	Allows an authorized organization to receive a license to hold a game of chance on Easter Sunday and Christmas Day	Passed The Senate
S7013	Addabbo	Relates to making technical changes and establishing the duration of racetrack licenses	Passed The Senate
S7014	Addabbo	Relates to self-exclusion provisions	Passed The Senate



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