



New York State Senate Standing Committee on **Racing, Gaming and Wagering**

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NYS Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins
Senate Majority Leader
NY State Capitol Building, Room 330
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Re: 2022 Racing Gaming and Wagering Committee Annual Report

Dear Leader Stewart-Cousins,

I hope correspondence finds you well. I truly appreciate the privilege to Chair the Senate Racing, Gaming and Wagering Committee. I am also proud and thankful of the dedicated, credible work done by the committee team consisting of the Committee Director, Shanna Cassidy, along with the legal counsel, Chris Higgins and Paul McCarthy, who were attentive to improving all aspects 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 2022 committee report, summarizing the accomplishments of the Senate Racing, Gaming and Wagering Committee.

I also acknowledge professionalism and legislative input of the Ranking Minority Member, Senator Daphne Jordan, and the committee members.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joe Addabbo', written over a large, stylized blue scribble.

Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr.
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2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

NEW YORK STATE SENATE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON RACING, GAMING & WAGERING

Senator Addabbo, Chairperson

Committee Members

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Senate Finance

COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Racing, Gaming & Wagering has legislative oversight responsibilities for issues concerning New York State Horse Racing subsidies, Gaming facilities, as well as Problem Gaming concerns.

The Committee also led the charge in authorizing the New York State Gaming Commission to release a Request for Applications (RFA) for the three remaining commercial casino licenses in the State's downstate region. The legislative authorization mandated that a siting board be appointed within 180 days of the act becoming law, and for the RFA to be released within 90 days of the siting board being appointed. It also called for the RFA to consider a proposal's economic activity, local impact, workforce enhancement and diversity framework. Additional funding was included to combat problem gambling as part of the downstate casino expansion.

During the 2022 Legislative Session, 60 bills were referred to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, 15 were reported from the Committee. 10 were passed by the Senate, and 7 passed in both houses. This work was conducted through a series of 3 committee meetings. A list of all bills that were reported from the committee is provided at the end of this report.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The following key bills were acted on by the committee in 2022:

- S.1379 (Brooks) - Passed Senate, This bill authorizes licensed authorized organizations to conduct certain poker tournaments as licensed games of chance fundraisers.
- S.1646 (Skoufis) - Passed Senate, This bill permits employees of authorized organizations to operate games of chance
- S.5091 (Kennedy) - Passed Senate, This bill permits participation in games of bingo by minors who are accompanied by an adult
- S.5346 (Stec) - Passed Senate, This bill Allows an authorized organization to receive a license to hold a game of chance on Easter Sunday and Christmas Day; eliminates time restrictions for such games held on a Sunday.
- S.7013 (Addabbo) - Passed Senate, This bill makes technical changes; establishes the duration of racetrack licenses.
- S.7014 (Addabbo) - Passed Senate, This bill relates to self-exclusion provisions; provides for moneys forfeited by self-exclusion to be deposited in certain gaming commission accounts.
- S.7015 (Addabbo) - Passed Senate, This bill includes video lottery gaming in certain gambling offenses.
- S.7854A (Kennedy) - Passed Senate, This bill prohibits off-track betting corporation vehicles from being used as take-home vehicles by board members, officers, employees, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, or agents of such corporation or by certain family members of such individuals; provides an exception therefor.
- S.7855A (Kennedy) - Passed Senate, This bill relates to the membership and weighted voting of members of the board of directors of the western regional off-track betting corporation.
- S.7856 (Kennedy) - Passed Senate, This bill prohibits regional off-track betting corporations from providing items of value exceeding fifteen dollars to any board member, officer, or employee of the corporation, any contractor, subcontractor, consultant, or other agent of the corporation, or any spouse, child, sibling or parent of such persons; adds reporting requirements for regional off-track betting corporations.

TWO HOUSE BILLS

In 2022, 7 of the 55 bills referred to the Standing Committee on Racing, Gaming, & Wagering passed both houses of the Legislature. Of these bills, the Governor has signed 4 and vetoed 1 & currently waiting on 2 bills to be delivered to the Governor.

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Action
S.1443B	Addabbo	Relates to state gaming commission operational licenses.	On the Governor's Desk
S.7685B	Gaughran	This bill authorizes Suffolk regional off-track betting corporations to host up to 2000 video lottery gaming devices; provides that in the Nassau region such facility shall not exceed one thousand video lottery gaming devices.	On the Governor's Desk
S.7851	Addabbo	This bill Extends the provisions relating to the New York state thoroughbred breeding and development fund until twelve years after the commencement of the operation of a video lottery terminal facility at Aqueduct racetrack.	Chaptered 199
S.7852	Addabbo	This bill relates to certain payments to the horsemen's organization; extends such provisions to 2023.	Chaptered 200

S.9009	Addabbo	This bill relates to the distribution of surcharges on off-track winnings for the period of September 1, 2022 until August 31, 2027; allows for the allocation of specific surcharge revenues to the same racetrack to continue for another five year period.	Chaptered 526
S.9016	Addabbo	This bill allows New York sire stakes eligibility for foals sired by New York state stallions, either in-state or out-of-state.	Vetoed Memorandum 35
S.9334	Addabbo	This bill relates to the improvement of operations in thoroughbred racing	Chaptered 240

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

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S1379	BROOKS	Authorizes licensed authorized organizations to conduct certain poker tournaments as licensed games of chance fundraisers.	Passed Senate
S1443B	ADDABBO	Relates to state gaming commission operational licenses.	Vetoed Memorandum 105
S1646	SKOUFIS	Permits employees of authorized organizations to operate games of chance.	Passed Senate
S2606	HELMING	Authorizes housing authorities to operate bingo games; adds guests invited by residents of any apartment, condominium or cooperative complex, housing authority, retirement community, or other group residential complex or facility to the scope of application; allows games to be conducted two days per week; makes related provisions.	Senate Calendar
S5091	KENNEDY	Permits participation in games of bingo by minors who are accompanied by an adult.	Passed Senate
S5346	STEC	Allows an authorized organization to receive a license to hold a game of chance on Easter Sunday and Christmas Day; eliminates time restrictions for such games held on a Sunday.	Passed Senate
S7014	ADDABBO	Relates to self-exclusion provisions; provides for moneys forfeited by self-exclusion to be deposited in certain gaming commission accounts. New York State Gaming Commission	Passed Senate
S7015	ADDABBO	Includes video lottery gaming in certain gambling offenses. Criminal Sanction Impact. New York State Gaming Commission	Passed Senate

S7536A	ADDABBO	Prohibits wagers on a horse racing event unless such racing event is offered pursuant to a fixed odds sports wagering agreement; authorizes agreements between a mobile sports wagering operator and an affiliate to locate self-service sports betting kiosks upon the premises of the affiliate.	Senate Finance
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S8412	ADDABBO	Authorizes interactive gaming in the state of New York.	Senate Finance
S8471	ADDABBO	Amends the definition of sports wager to include other things of value; changes the licensing requirement for mobile sports wagering operators; provides the state shall by no later than January 31, 2023 have fourteen operators and by January 31, 2024 have sixteen operators; provides tax rates shall be determined based on the number of operators.	Senate Finance
S8801	ADDABBO	Decreases the tax rate on gaming revenues from slot machines in facilities in region 5 of zone 2; requires such facilities to report on the use of the retained funds for the creation of new jobs or rehiring laid-off employees.	Senate Finance
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