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Committee Assignment: Assembly Liberty 4 Bill #:AL-32

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An Act To Amend § 1367 of the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law, in relation to regulation of sports betting

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

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Purpose: To legalize mobile wagering on sporting events

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Summary of Provisions

- <u>Section 1</u> No gaming facility may conduct sports wagering until such time as there has been a change in federal law authorizing such or upon a ruling of a court of competent jurisdiction that such activity is lawful.
- (a) In addition to authorized gaming activities, a licensed gaming facility may when authorized by subdivision two of this operate a sports pool upon the approval of the commission and section in accordance with the provisions of this section and applicable regulations promulgated pursuant to this article. The commission shall hear and decide promptly and in reasonable order all applications for a license to operate a sports pool, shall have the general responsibility for the implementation of this section and shall have all other duties specified in this section with regard to the operation of a sports pool. The license to operate a sports pool shall be in addition to any other license required to be issued to operate a gaming facility license to operate a sports pool shall be issued by the commission to any entity unless it has established its financial stability, integrity and responsibility and its good character, honesty and integrity. No later than five years after the date of the issuance of a license and every five years thereafter or within such lesser periods as the commission may direct, a licensee shall submit to the commission such documentation or information as the commission may by regulation require, to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the executive director of the commission that the licensee continues to meet the requirements the law and regulations.
- (b) As a condition of receiving a license to sports gamble, the commission shall require that each company authorized to conduct sports wagering pay a one-time fee of five million dollars. This licensing fee shall be paid within thirty days of gaming commission approval prior to license issuance and deposited into the commercial gaming revenue fund established.
- (C) A sports pool shall be operated in a sports wagering lounge located at a casino. The lounge shall conform to all requirements concerning square footage,



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design, equipment, security measures and related matters which the commission shall by regulation prescribe. The operator of a sports pool shall establish or display the odds at which wagers may be placed on sports events. An operator shall accept wagers on sports events only from persons physically present in the sports wagering lounge, or through mobile sports wagering offered. A person placing a wager shall be at least twenty-one years of age. An operator shall not admit into the sports wagering lounge, or accept wagers from, any person whose name appears on the exclusion list. (Insert as many sections as needed)

Justification

Mobile sports betting is becoming more prevalent throughout the country. It is very easy to use a VPN to make a company think that the patron is in a different location where betting is legal. Passing this bill will help to regulate mobile sport betting which will then help secure the safety of the patrons as well as the gaming facilities.

Fiscal Implications

This bill will help generate revenue for the state because of the five million dollar licensing fee

Effective Date

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