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SYNOPSIS

Allows horse racetracks to be available for placing wagers at casinos in Atlantic City using Internet.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT allowing horse racetracks to be available for placing
2 wagers at casinos in Atlantic City using the Internet, and
3 amending and supplementing P.L.2013, c.27.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. Section 28 of P.L.2013, c.27 (C.5:12-95.30) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 28. No organization or commercial enterprise, other than a
11 casino located in Atlantic City or its Internet gaming affiliate that
12 has been issued a permit to conduct Internet gaming and has located
13 all of its equipment used to conduct Internet gaming, including
14 computers, servers, monitoring rooms, and hubs, in Atlantic City,
15 shall make its premises available for placing wagers at casinos
16 using the Internet or advertise that its premises may be used for
17 such purpose. An organization or commercial enterprise that is
18 determined by the division to have violated the provisions of this
19 section shall be subject to a penalty of \$1,000 per player per day for
20 making its premises available for placing wagers at casinos using
21 the Internet and of \$10,000 per violation for advertising that its
22 premises may be used for such purpose.

23 This section shall not prohibit a casino in Atlantic City, or such a
24 casino's Internet gaming affiliate, from entering into an agreement
25 with a running or harness horse racetrack in this State, under which
26 the racetrack's premises may be made available for placing wagers
27 at casinos using the Internet, as permitted by section 2 of P.L. _____,
28 c. _____ (C. _____) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), and shall
29 not prohibit advertising that a racetrack's premises may be used for
30 such purpose.

31 (cf: P.L.2013, c.27, s.28)

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33 2. (New section) A running or harness horse racetrack in this
34 State may enter into an agreement with a casino located in Atlantic
35 City, or such a casino's Internet gaming affiliate, that allows the
36 racetrack's premises to be available as a venue at which the holder
37 of an Internet gaming account may place wagers at casinos using
38 the Internet. Any such agreement shall be submitted to the Division
39 of Gaming Enforcement for the division's approval, which shall not
40 be unreasonably withheld. The division shall have jurisdiction over
41 Internet gaming at casinos that originates from racetracks and shall
42 establish minimum standards for the equipment used and locations
43 at a racetrack from which wagers may be placed. Internet gaming
44 from racetracks shall not be subject to regulation by the New Jersey
45 Racing Commission. A casino, or its Internet gaming affiliate, shall

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 compensate a racetrack licensee for its services as provided in the
2 terms of the agreement. The provisions of P.L.2013, c.27 (C.5:12-
3 95.17 et al.) shall apply to the placing of wagers at casinos from
4 racetracks except where inconsistent with the provisions of this
5 section.

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7 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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10 STATEMENT

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12 This bill would permit a running or harness horse racetrack in
13 this State to enter into an agreement with a casino located in
14 Atlantic City, or such a casino's Internet gaming affiliate, that
15 allows the racetrack's premises to be available as a venue at which
16 the holder of an Internet gaming account may place wagers at
17 casinos using the Internet.

18 The Division of Gaming Enforcement will have jurisdiction over
19 Internet gaming at casinos that originates from racetracks and will
20 establish minimum standards for the equipment used and locations
21 at a racetrack from which wagers may be placed. Internet wagering
22 from racetracks will not be subject to regulation by the New Jersey
23 Racing Commission. A casino, or its Internet gaming affiliate, will
24 compensate a racetrack licensee for its services as provided in the
25 terms of the agreement. The provisions of the Internet gaming law,
26 N.J.S.A.5:12-95.17 et al., will apply to the placing of wagers at
27 casinos from racetracks, except where inconsistent with the bill's
28 provisions. The bill creates an exception for racetracks from the
29 prohibition in existing law on so-called "Internet cafes."