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Assembly, No. 2444

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2 activities and amending P.L.2001, c.39 and P.L.2013, c.27.

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14 **that the person is a problem gambler and]** by agreeing that, during
15 any period of voluntary exclusion, the person may not collect any
16 winnings or recover any losses resulting from any gaming activity
17 at such casinos and facilities.

18 b. The regulations of the division shall establish procedures for
19 placements on, and removals from, the list of self-excluded persons.
20 Such regulations shall establish procedures for the transmittal to
21 licensed casinos and simulcasting facilities of identifying
22 information concerning self-excluded persons, and shall require
23 licensed casinos and simulcasting facilities to establish procedures
24 designed, at a minimum, to remove self-excluded persons from
25 targeted mailings or other forms of advertising or promotions and
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27 cashing privileges club programs, and other similar benefits.

28 c. A licensed casino or simulcasting facility or employee
29 thereof shall not be liable to any self-excluded person or to any
30 other party in any judicial proceeding for any harm, monetary or
31 otherwise, which may arise as a result of:

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33 withhold gaming privileges from, or restore gaming privileges to, a
34 self-excluded person; or

35 (2) otherwise permitting a self-excluded person to engage in
36 gaming activity in such licensed casino or simulcasting facility
37 while on the list of self-excluded persons.

38 d. Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-1
39 et seq.) or any other law to the contrary, the division's list of self-
40 excluded persons shall not be open to public inspection. Nothing
41 herein, however, shall be construed to prohibit a casino licensee
42 from disclosing the identity of persons self-excluded pursuant to
43 this section to affiliated gaming entities in this State or other

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 jurisdictions for the limited purpose of assisting in the proper
2 administration of responsible gaming programs operated by such
3 gaming affiliated entities.

4 e. A licensed casino or simulcasting facility or employee
5 thereof shall not be liable to any self-excluded person or to any
6 other party in any judicial proceeding for any harm, monetary or
7 otherwise, which may arise as a result of disclosure or publication
8 in any manner, other than a willfully unlawful disclosure or
9 publication, of the identity of any self-excluded person.
10 (cf: P.L.2011, c.19, s.37)

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13 read as follows:

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15 problem, a **A** casino licensee shall:

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18 comparable language approved by the division, which language
19 shall include the words "gambling problem" and "call 1-800
20 GAMBLER," to be displayed prominently at log on and log off
21 times to any person visiting or logged onto Internet gaming; and

22 b. provide a mechanism by which a holder of a wagering
23 account may establish the following controls on wagering activity
24 through the wagering account:

25 (1) a limit on the amount of money deposited within a specified
26 period of time and the length of time the holder will be unable to
27 participate in gaming if the holder reaches the established deposit
28 limit; and

29 (2) a temporary suspension of gaming through the account for
30 any number of hours or days.

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39 to withdraw funds from the account upon proper application
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45 STATEMENT

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17 Allows person to request voluntary exclusion from gaming
18 activities without acknowledging being problem gambler.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2444

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 6, 2014

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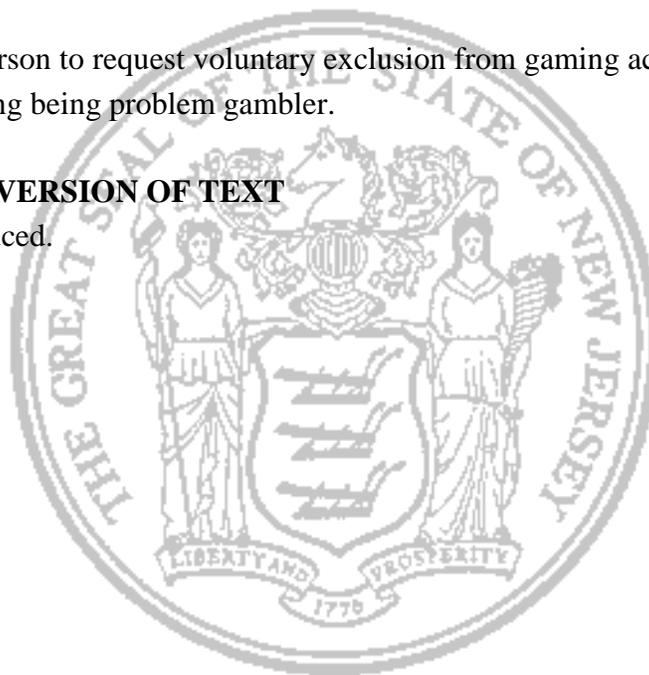
Assemblymen Mazzeo, Benson, C.A.Brown, Assemblywomen Tucker, Jimenez and Senator Whelan

SYNOPSIS

Allows person to request voluntary exclusion from gaming activities without acknowledging being problem gambler.

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As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/13/2014)

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ASSEMBLY TOURISM AND GAMING COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2444

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2014

The Assembly Tourism and Gaming Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2444.

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SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM &
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 2, 2014

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As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 2444 is identical to Senate Bill No. 2129 which was also reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE, No. 2129

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 2, 2014

Sponsored by:
Senator JIM WHELAN
District 2 (Atlantic)

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