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SYNOPSIS

Establishes hotline for reporting behavior negatively affecting integrity of sporting events and excludes persons responsible from future sports wagering activities; prohibits certain sports wagering advertisements; requires independent oversight of sports wagering operations to ensure integrity.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the integrity of sports wagering operations,
2 sporting events, and sports wagering advertising, and amending
3 P.L.2018, c.33.

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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 2 of P.L.2018, c.33 (C.5:12A-11) is amended to read
9 as follows:

10 2. a. The division shall issue all sports wagering licenses and
11 renewals thereof to casinos. The racing commission shall issue all
12 initial sports wagering licenses to racetracks but the division shall
13 have responsibility for the renewal thereof. In addition to casino
14 games permitted pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1977, c.110
15 (C.5:12-1 et seq.), a casino which holds a sports wagering license
16 issued by the division may operate a sports pool in accordance with
17 the provisions of this act and applicable regulations promulgated
18 pursuant to this act. A racetrack which holds an initial sports
19 wagering license issued by the racing commission or a sports
20 wagering license that has been renewed by the division may operate
21 a sports pool in accordance with the provisions of this act and
22 applicable regulations promulgated pursuant to this act.

23 The division may issue a transactional waiver to allow the
24 continued operation of an established sports wagering lounge and
25 authorization to conduct up to three online sports wagering
26 operations when a racetrack that holds a license issued by the racing
27 commission pursuant to P.L.1940, c.17 (C.5:5-22, et seq.)
28 undergoes a material change in ownership to a degree such that it
29 would be required to file a new application with the racing
30 commission in order to continue to operate pursuant to P.L.1940,
31 c.17 (C.5:5-22 et seq.). A transactional waiver issued pursuant to
32 this section shall be for an initial period of up to six months and
33 may be renewed during the pendency of the racing commission's
34 consideration of a new application for up to three one-year periods,
35 but the division shall have the right to reexamine and rescind the
36 grant of the waiver at any time.

37 A racetrack at which a permit holder has scheduled a
38 standardbred horse race meeting within one year preceding the
39 effective date of P.L.2018, c.33 (C.5:12A-10 et al.) and that met the
40 definition of a racetrack under P.L.2018, c.33 (C.5:12A-10 et al.) on
41 the effective date thereof:

42 shall not be permitted to hold a sports wagering license as a
43 former racetrack on or after the effective date of P.L.2021, c.350,
44 and

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.

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1 shall, as a condition of holding a sports wagering license after
2 the effective date of P.L.2021, c.350, schedule annually no fewer
3 than 151 standardbred race dates, except that the annual number of
4 scheduled standardbred race dates may be decreased to no fewer
5 than 75 standardbred race dates upon written consent from the
6 Standardbred Breeders' and Owners' Association of New Jersey.

7 A casino which holds a sports wagering license and a racetrack
8 which holds a sports wagering license may enter into an agreement
9 to jointly operate a sports pool at the racetrack, in accordance with
10 the provisions of this act and applicable regulations promulgated
11 pursuant to this act. A casino or racetrack that holds a sports
12 wagering license may conduct an online sports pool or may
13 authorize an internet sports pool operator licensed as a casino
14 service industry enterprise pursuant to section 92 of P.L.1977, c.110
15 (C.5:12-92), or an applicant for such license, to operate an online
16 sports pool on its behalf provided the terms of the agreement are
17 approved by the division; provided, however, that each sports
18 wagering licensee may provide no more than three individually
19 branded websites, each of which may have an accompanying mobile
20 application bearing the same brand as the website for an online
21 sports pool, those websites and mobile applications, in the case of a
22 casino being in addition to or, in the discretion of the casino, in
23 conjunction with, any websites and mobile applications that also
24 offer other types of Internet gaming pursuant to P.L.2013, c.27
25 (C.5:12-95.17 et seq.). No online sports pool shall be opened to the
26 public, and no sports wagering, except for test purposes, may be
27 conducted therein, until an Internet sports pool operator receives
28 approval from the division to conduct an online sports pool on
29 behalf of a casino or racetrack that holds a sports wagering license.
30 Sports wagering licensees and operators may provide promotional
31 credits, incentives, bonuses, complimentaries, or similar benefits
32 designed to induce sports betters to wager. The division, in
33 consultation with the commission, shall establish by rule standards
34 governing the provision of these measures. The server or other
35 equipment used by a racetrack to accept wagers at a sports pool or
36 online sports pool shall be located in that racetrack or in any
37 location in Atlantic City which conforms to the requirements of
38 section 20 of P.L.2013, c.27 (C.5:12-95.22) and any additional
39 requirements which the division may impose by regulation. The
40 server or other equipment used by a casino to accept wagers at a
41 sports pool or online sports pool shall conform to the requirements
42 of section 20 of P.L.2013, c.27 (C.5:12-95.22) and any additional
43 requirements which the division may impose by regulation.

44 With regard to this act, P.L.2018, c.33 (C.5:12A-10 et al.), the
45 duties specified in section 63 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-63) of the
46 Casino Control Commission shall apply to the extent not
47 inconsistent with the provisions of this act. In addition to the duties
48 specified in section 76 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-76), the division
49 or racing commission, as required pursuant to this act, shall hear

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1 and decide promptly and in reasonable order all applications for a
2 license to operate a sports pool. In addition to the duties specified
3 in section 76 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-76), the division shall have
4 the general responsibility for the implementation of this act, except
5 with respect to the authority to issue sports wagering licenses to a
6 racetrack as provided by this act, and shall have all other duties
7 specified in that section with regard to the operation of a sports
8 pool.

9 The license to operate a sports pool shall be in addition to any
10 other license required to be issued pursuant to P.L.1977, c.110
11 (C.5:12-1 et seq.) to operate a casino or pursuant to P.L.1940, c.17
12 (C.5:5-22 et seq.) to conduct horse racing. The division and the
13 racing commission shall each have the authority to charge a casino
14 or a racetrack a fee for the issuance or, in the case of the division
15 renewal, of a sports wagering license in an amount of \$100,000 for
16 initial issuance and in the case of a renewal a reasonable fee that is
17 based upon the expense associated with renewal, enforcement, and
18 gambling addiction programs. No sports wagering license shall be
19 issued by the division or racing commission to any entity unless it
20 has established its financial stability, integrity and responsibility
21 and its good character, honesty and integrity. No casino or
22 racetrack shall be permitted to operate a sports pool or accept
23 wagers via an online sports pool unless a sports wagering lounge is
24 established and has commenced operation in its facility; provided,
25 however, that an applicant for a sports wagering license may
26 petition the agency issuing the sports wagering license pursuant to
27 this act to commence operation of the sports pool at a temporary
28 facility and/or an online sports pool during the pendency of
29 construction of a sports wagering lounge in its facility. Such
30 temporary facility may include, at the discretion of the agency
31 issuing the sports wagering license pursuant to this act, the
32 utilization of designated windows at the current casino cage or
33 racetrack betting window for purposes of placing sports betting
34 wagers and self-service wagering machines located at the racetrack
35 or casino hotel complex. No license to operate a sports pool shall
36 be issued to any entity which is disqualified under the criteria of
37 section 86 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-86).

38 No later than five years after the date of the issuance of a license
39 and every five years thereafter or within such lesser periods as the
40 agency issuing the sports wagering license pursuant to this act may
41 direct, a licensee shall submit to the said agency such
42 documentation or information as the division or racing commission
43 may by regulation require, to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the
44 agency that the licensee continues to meet the requirements of the
45 law and regulations.

46 The division and the racing commission following consultation
47 with the sports wagering licensees, sport governing bodies, athletic
48 conferences, and collegiate athletics programs shall annually cause
49 a report to be prepared and distributed to the Governor on the

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1 impact of sports wagering, including Internet wagering on sports
2 events, on problem gamblers, the harassment or coercion of
3 participants in sporting events or other acts which affect the
4 integrity of athletes or competitors, sporting or athletic
5 competitions, or sports wagering operations, and gambling
6 addiction in New Jersey. The report shall be prepared by a private
7 organization or entity with expertise in serving the needs of persons
8 with gambling addictions, which organization or entity shall be
9 selected jointly by the division and the racing commission. The
10 report shall be prepared and distributed under the supervision of,
11 and in coordination with, the division and the racing commission.
12 Any costs associated with the preparation and distribution of the
13 report shall be borne by casino and racetrack licensees who have
14 been authorized by the division or the racing commission to conduct
15 Internet gaming and the division and the racing commission shall be
16 authorized to assess a fee against such licensees for these purposes.
17 The division and the racing commission may also report
18 periodically to the Governor on the effectiveness of the statutory
19 and regulatory controls in place to ensure the integrity of gaming
20 operations through the Internet.

21 b. A sports pool shall be operated in a sports wagering lounge
22 located at a casino or racetrack. A sports wagering lounge may be
23 located at a casino simulcasting facility. The lounge shall conform
24 to all requirements concerning square footage, design, equipment,
25 security measures and related matters which the division shall by
26 regulation prescribe. The space required for the establishment of a
27 lounge shall not reduce the space authorized for casino gaming
28 activities as specified in section 83 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-83).

29 c. No sports pool or online sports pool shall be offered or made
30 available for wagering to the public by any entity other than a sports
31 wagering licensee, pursuant to P.L.2018, c.33 (C.5:12A-10 et al.),
32 an applicant for such license, operating such pool on behalf of a
33 licensee, or an Internet sports pool operator, on behalf of a sports
34 wagering licensee. Any person who offers a sports pool or an
35 online sports pool without approval of the division or racing
36 commission to do so is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree and
37 notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.2C:43-3, shall be subject to
38 a fine of not more than \$25,000 and in the case of a person other
39 than a natural person, to a fine of not more than \$100,000 and any
40 other appropriate disposition authorized by subsection b. of
41 N.J.S.2C:43-2.

42 d. The operator shall establish or display the odds at which
43 wagers may be placed on sports events.

44 e. An operator shall accept wagers on sports events only from
45 persons physically present in the sports wagering lounge; through
46 self-service wagering machines located in its facility as authorized
47 by the agency issuing the sports wagering license; or through an
48 online sports pool. A person placing a wager on a sports event shall
49 be at least 21 years of age.

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1 f. (1) Any person who is:
2 an athlete, coach, referee, or director of a sports governing body
3 or any of its member teams;
4 a sports governing body or any of its member teams;
5 a player or a referee personnel member, in or on any sports event
6 overseen by that person's sports governing body based on publicly
7 available information;
8 a person who holds a position of authority or influence sufficient
9 to exert influence over the participants in a sporting contest,
10 including but not limited to coaches, managers, handlers, athletic
11 trainers, or horse trainers;
12 a person with access to certain types of exclusive information on
13 any sports event overseen by that person's sports governing body
14 based on publicly available information; or
15 a person identified by any lists provided by the sports governing
16 body to the division and the racing commission,
17 shall not be permitted to have any ownership interest in, control
18 of, or otherwise be employed by an operator, a sports wagering
19 licensee, or a facility in which a sports wagering lounge is located
20 or place a wager on a sports event that is overseen by that person's
21 sports governing body based on publicly available information.
22 Any employee of a sports governing body or its member teams
23 who is not prohibited from wagering on a sports event shall,
24 nevertheless, provide notice to the division prior to placing a wager
25 on a sports event. The direct or indirect legal or beneficial owner of
26 10 percent or more of a sports governing body shall not place or
27 accept any wager on a sports event in which any member team of
28 that sports governing body participates. The direct or indirect legal
29 or beneficial owner of 10 percent or more of a member team of a
30 sports governing body shall not place or accept any wager on a
31 sports event in which that member team participates. Any person
32 who violates this paragraph shall be guilty of a disorderly persons
33 offense and shall be fined not less than \$500 and not more than
34 \$1,000.
35 (2) The prohibition set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection
36 shall not apply to any person who is a direct or indirect owner of a
37 specific sports governing body member team and (i) has less than
38 10 percent direct or indirect ownership interest in a casino or
39 racetrack or (ii) the shares of such person are registered pursuant to
40 section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (15
41 U.S.C. s.78l), and the value of the ownership of such team
42 represents less than one percent of the person's total enterprise
43 value.
44 (3) An operator shall adopt procedures to prevent persons from
45 wagering on sports events who are prohibited from placing sports
46 wagers. An operator shall not accept wagers from any person
47 whose identity is known to the operator and:
48 whose name appears on the exclusion list maintained by the
49 division pursuant to section 71 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-71);

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1 whose name appears on any self-exclusion list maintained by the
2 division pursuant to sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2001, c.39 (C.5:12-71.2
3 and C.5:12-71.3, respectively);

4 who is the operator, director, officer, owner, or employee of the
5 operator or any relative thereof living in the same household as the
6 operator;

7 who has access to nonpublic confidential information held by the
8 operator; or

9 who is an agent or proxy for any other person.

10 (4) An operator shall adopt procedures to obtain personally
11 identifiable information from any individual who places any single
12 wager in an amount of \$10,000 or greater on a sports event while
13 physically present in a racetrack facility or a casino.

14 Sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2002, c.89 (C.5:5-65.1 and C.5:5-65.2,
15 respectively) shall apply to the conduct of sports wagering under
16 this act.

17 g. The holder of a sports wagering license may contract with an
18 entity to conduct that operation, in accordance with the regulations
19 of and approval by the division. That entity shall obtain a license as
20 a casino service industry enterprise prior to the execution of any
21 such contract, and such license shall be issued pursuant to the
22 provisions of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-1 et seq.) and in accordance
23 with the regulations promulgated by the division in consultation
24 with the commission. That entity shall, upon approval of the
25 division, expand on any initial license granted by the division prior
26 to entering into any such contract. The approval shall be in
27 accordance with the terms and conditions set forth by the division.

28 h. If any provision of this act, P.L.2018, c.33 (C.5:12A-10 et
29 al.), or its application to any person or circumstance, is held invalid,
30 the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this
31 act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or
32 application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

33 i. An operator shall promptly report to the division:

34 any criminal or disciplinary proceedings commenced against the
35 operator or its employees in connection with the operations of the
36 sports pool or online sports pool;

37 any abnormal betting activity or patterns that may indicate a
38 concern about the integrity of a sports event or events;

39 any other conduct with the potential to corrupt a betting outcome
40 of a sports event for purposes of financial gain, including but not
41 limited to the harassment or coercion of participants in any sporting
42 event or athletic competitions, match fixing; and

43 suspicious or illegal wagering activities, including the use of
44 funds derived from illegal activity, wagers to conceal or launder
45 funds derived from illegal activity, use of agents to place wagers, or
46 use of false identification.

47 The division is authorized to share any information under this
48 section with any law enforcement entity, team, sports governing

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1 body, independent sports wagering monitoring service, or
2 regulatory agency the division deems appropriate.

3 j. An operator shall maintain records of sports wagering
4 operations in accordance with regulations promulgated by the
5 division. The operator, with prior written approval from the
6 division, shall contract with an independent sports wagering
7 monitoring service to review such records and to ensure the
8 integrity of the operator's sports wagering operations. The
9 independent sports wagering monitoring service shall provide
10 quarterly reports of their findings to the division.

11 k. A sports wagering licensee may, in addition to having a
12 sports wagering lounge, conduct wagering on authorized sports
13 events through one or more kiosks or self-service wagering stations
14 located within its facility. Such self-service wagering stations
15 located at a casino may offer any game authorized under rules
16 established by the division. Such self-service wagering stations
17 located at a racetrack may offer wagering only on authorized sports
18 events and horse races.

19 l. All wagers on sports events authorized under this provision
20 shall be initiated, received and otherwise made within this State
21 unless otherwise determined by the division in accordance with
22 applicable federal and State laws. Consistent with the intent of the
23 United States Congress as articulated in the Unlawful Internet
24 Gambling Enforcement Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. s.5361 et seq.), the
25 intermediate routing of electronic data relating to a lawful intrastate
26 wager authorized under this provision shall not determine the
27 location or locations in which such wager is initiated, received or
28 otherwise made.

29 m. A sports wagering licensee shall not accept any wager on
30 any sports event unless the sports event has been approved for
31 wagering by the director. Except as otherwise provided in this
32 subsection, no sports event shall be approved for wagering unless
33 the director has certified that the sports event has appropriate
34 policies and procedures to monitor the integrity of the athletes or
35 competitors including the prevention of coercion or harassment of
36 athletes or competitors. In the absence of such certification, the
37 director shall impose a wager limit of not more than \$100 or a win
38 limit of \$500, whichever is greater, on the amount permitted to be
39 wagered or won on such competitions or contests by any individual.
40 (cf: P.L.2021, c.350, s.1)

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42 2. Section 4 of P.L.2018, c.33 (C.5:12A-13) is amended to read
43 as follows:

44 4. a. Except as otherwise provided by this act, the division shall
45 have the authority to regulate sports pools, online sports pools, and
46 the conduct of sports wagering under this act to the same extent that
47 the division regulates casino games. No casino or racetrack shall be
48 authorized to operate a sports pool or online sports pool unless it
49 has produced, to the satisfaction of the agency issuing the sports

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1 wagering license, information, documentation, and assurances
2 concerning its financial background and resources, including cash
3 reserves, that are sufficient to demonstrate that it has the financial
4 stability, integrity, and responsibility to operate a sports pool or
5 online sports pool. In developing rules and regulations applicable
6 to sports wagering, the division may examine the regulations
7 implemented in other states where sports wagering is conducted and
8 may, as far as practicable, adopt a similar regulatory framework.
9 The division, in consultation with the commission, shall promulgate
10 regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this act,
11 including, but not limited to, regulations governing the:

12 (1) amount of cash reserves to be maintained by operators to
13 cover winning wagers;

14 (2) acceptance of wagers on a series of sports events;

15 (3) maximum wagers which may be accepted by an operator
16 from any one patron on any one sports event;

17 (4) type of wagering tickets which may be used;

18 (5) method of issuing tickets;

19 (6) method of accounting to be used by operators;

20 (7) types of records which shall be kept;

21 (8) use of credit and checks by patrons;

22 (9) type of system for wagering;

23 (10) protections for a person placing a wager; **[and]**

24 (11) display of the words, "If you or someone you know has a
25 gambling problem and wants help, call 1-800 GAMBLER," or some
26 comparable language approved by the division, which language
27 shall include the words "gambling problem" and "call 1-800
28 GAMBLER," in all print, billboard, sign, online, or broadcast
29 advertisements of a sports pool and online sports pool and in every
30 sports wagering lounge;

31 (12) display of the telephone number for the telephone hotline to
32 report instances of harassment, coercive behavior, or any activities
33 which may be detrimental to the integrity of athletes or competitors,
34 sporting or athletic competitions, or sports wagering operations,
35 established pursuant to subsection d. of this section, in all print,
36 billboard, sign, online, or broadcast advertisements of a sports pool
37 and online sports pool and in every sports wagering lounge;

38 (13) sports pool related advertising of sports wagering licensees,
39 their employees and agents, and their contracted operators, to
40 ensure their advertisements are not deceptive or fraudulent and do
41 not appeal directly to, or feature, individuals under the legal age to
42 wager; and

43 (14) sports pool related advertising of sports wagering licensees,
44 their employees and agents, and their contracted operators, to
45 ensure that such advertisements warn users of any prohibited
46 actions related to sports wagering, identify where and how an
47 individual may report the conduct of any prohibited actions, and the
48 consequences of engaging in any prohibited conduct.

1 b. **【**Notwithstanding any other provision of P.L.2018, c.33
2 (C.5:12A-10 et al.) or of the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
3 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to the contrary, during the 90-
4 day period following the effective date of this act, the division and
5 the racing commission may, after notice provided in accordance
6 with this subsection, summarily adopt, amend, or repeal any order,
7 rule, or regulation for a period not to exceed 270 days for the
8 purpose of ensuring the expeditious and effective implementation of
9 sports wagering at casinos or racetracks in accordance with this act.
10 Any summary rulemaking authorized by this subsection shall be
11 subject to such terms and conditions as the division and the racing
12 commission may deem appropriate. Such rules shall be effective
13 when published by the division and the racing commission on their
14 respective websites and shall allow for the immediate application of
15 any racetrack licensed by the racing commission, or casino licensed
16 by the division, to the respective agency by which they are licensed
17 or permitted, for a transactional waiver to immediately commence
18 sports wagering. Upon the filing of such application, these rules
19 shall further provide that, upon a showing therein that the applicant
20 is licensed or permitted by the appropriate agency, a sports
21 wagering license shall immediately be issued to the respective
22 applicant allowing for its immediate commencement of sports
23 wagering subject to the condition that it conform to the entity and
24 individual or other licensing, facility and any other requirements set
25 forth in the respective rules of each within 270 days. In the event
26 such rules are not complied with within such time period, the non-
27 complying racetrack or casino will not thereafter be eligible to
28 conduct sports wagering until such compliance is achieved. Notice
29 of any emergency rulemaking action taken by the division or the
30 racing commission pursuant to this subsection shall be published in
31 the New Jersey Register, and provided to the newspapers designated
32 by the division and racing commission pursuant to subsection d. of
33 section 3 of P.L.1975, c.231 (C.10:4-8), not later than 30 days
34 subsequent to the implementation of the emergency rules. The text
35 of any emergency rule adopted by the division and the racing
36 commission pursuant to this section shall be available in each
37 racetrack, casino, sports wagering lounge, and simulcasting facility
38 implementing the provisions of emergency rulemaking. **】** (Deleted
39 by amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending before the Legislature as
40 this bill).

41 c. Any person employed on the effective date of this act,
42 P.L.2018, c.33 (C.5:12A-10 et al.), by a permitholder in the
43 admissions department or parimutuel clerk department of a
44 racetrack operated by the permitholder shall be given a one-time
45 right of first refusal offer of employment at the sports pool,
46 including an online sports pool, that opens at that racetrack, for the
47 then available positions of similar employment in that sports pool,
48 or with any vendor contracting with the licensee to operate the
49 sports pool.

1 d. The division shall create and maintain a telephone hotline
2 and other intake methods which allow individuals to report
3 instances of harassment, coercive behavior, or any activities which
4 may be detrimental to the integrity of athletes or competitors,
5 sporting or athletic competitions, or sports wagering operations.
6 The division shall investigate such reports and, upon a credible
7 finding that an individual has engaged in the alleged prohibited
8 conduct, may take appropriate remedial action, including:

9 (1) exclusion of the person or persons from engaging in sports
10 wagering activities conducted by sports wagering licensees in this
11 State, or their contractor operators;

12 (2) referral to the relevant sport governing body for further
13 action; and

14 (3) referral to law enforcement or the Attorney General for a
15 criminal investigation.

16 Prior to undertaking any action pursuant to this section, the
17 division shall serve notice to the person or persons subject to the
18 action by certified mail delivered to the last known address of such
19 person or persons and, if requested by the person or persons within
20 30 days of such service, shall conduct a hearing before the director,
21 or the director's designee, to affirmatively determine that such
22 action is necessary.

23 If, upon completion of the hearing, the director, or the director's
24 designee, determines that exclusion pursuant to paragraph (1) of
25 this section is appropriate, the director shall make and enter an
26 order to that effect and the director shall notify all sports wagering
27 licensees in this State, and their contracted operators, that the
28 person or persons subject to exclusion shall not be permitted to
29 engage in sports wagering activities. Such order shall be subject to
30 review by the Superior Court in accordance with the rules of court.

31 Any sports wagering licensee or contracted operator who fails to
32 exclude such person shall be subject to penalties, as determined by
33 the division.

34 e. The division shall promulgate, in accordance with the
35 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
36 seq.), all rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement
37 the provisions of this section.

38 (cf: P.L.2018, c.33, s.4)

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40 3. This act shall take effect 60 days following the date of
41 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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46 This bill requires the Division of Gaming Enforcement to
47 establish a telephone hotline and other intake methods which allow
48 individuals to report instances of harassment, coercive behavior, or
49 any activities which may be detrimental to the integrity of athletes

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1 or competitors, sporting or athletic competitions, or sports wagering
2 operations and report such incidents to law enforcement or the
3 Attorney General and to any relevant sport governing bodies.

4 The bill directs the division to investigate such reports and
5 authorizes them to take remedial action as deemed necessary. The
6 division may exclude individuals who have credibly been found to
7 have engaged in harassment or coercive behavior related to sports
8 wagering from engaging in sports wagering activities in this state.
9 The division may also refer reports of harassment or coercive
10 behavior to the relevant sports governing bodies, or to law
11 enforcement or the Attorney General for a criminal investigation.

12 The bill requires the division and the racing commission
13 following consultation with the sports wagering licensees, sport
14 governing bodies, athletic conferences, and collegiate athletics
15 programs to prepare an annual report to the Governor on the impact
16 of sports wagering, including Internet wagering on sports events, on
17 problem gamblers, the harassment or coercion of participants in
18 sporting events or other acts which affect the integrity of athletes or
19 competitors, sporting or athletic competitions, or sports wagering
20 operations, and gambling addiction in New Jersey.

21 This bill requires licensed operators to promptly report to the
22 division and any relevant sports governing body any conduct with
23 the potential to corrupt a betting outcome of a sports event for
24 purposes of financial gain, including but not limited to the
25 harassment or coercion of participants in any sporting event or
26 athletic competitions, or match fixing.

27 This bill also requires the division, in consultation with the
28 commission, to promulgate regulations governing sports pool
29 related advertising of sports wagering licensees, their employees
30 and agents, and their contracted operators, to ensure their
31 advertisements are not deceptive or fraudulent and do not appeal
32 directly to, or feature, individuals under the legal age to wager and
33 to ensure that such advertisements warn users of any prohibited
34 actions related to sports wagering, identify where and how an
35 individual may report the conduct of any prohibited actions, and the
36 consequences of engaging in any prohibited conduct.