



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO # 158

November 25, 2019

TO THE SENATE:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Senate Bill Number 1978-A, entitled:

“AN ACT in relation to establishing the legislative task force on responsible gaming”

NOT APPROVED

This bill, which was initially introduced in 2012, would establish a legislative task force on responsible gaming. The task force would be responsible for identifying policies and programs that mitigate the risks and consequences associated with compulsive gambling. The task force would also be responsible for identifying and recommending responsible gaming practices to be included in the enabling legislation authorizing casino style gaming facilities in New York State.

Problem gambling is a serious issue, which is why the New York State Gaming Commission makes it a priority to tackle this issue head on. In doing so, the Commission received the World Lottery Association’s Level 4 certification, their highest, for their work on problem gambling across all four of its divisions: lottery, horse racing, commercial gaming, and charitable gaming. Furthermore, the enabling statute authorizing casino style gaming facilities for which the task force is supposed to make recommendations was signed into law in 2013, making this bill unnecessary and untimely. For these reasons, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Cuomo". The signature is stylized and cursive.