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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO SPORTS, RACING AND ATHLETICS - MUTUEL BETTING AND LICENSE FEES

Introduced By: Representatives Fellela, Ucci, Azzinaro, Messier, and Serpa

Date Introduced: January 09, 2013

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 41-4-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 41-4 entitled "Mutuel
2 Betting and License Fees" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 ~~41-4-2. Betting only at track -- Minors prohibited~~ **Betting only at track – Minors**
4 **under age twenty-one (21) prohibited.** -- The pari-mutuel system, so-called, or other form of
5 betting system authorized by this chapter, shall not be used or permitted at any location other than
6 the race track at which the horse racing event is licensed to be conducted. No licensee shall
7 knowingly permit any ~~minor~~ person under age twenty-age (21) to be a patron of the pari-mutuel
8 system or other betting system authorized by this chapter.

9 SECTION 2. Section 41-11-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 41-11 entitled "Simulcast
10 Programs from Licensed Betting Facilities" is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 ~~41-11-4. Admission of minors prohibited~~ **Admission of minors under age twenty-one**
12 **(21) prohibited.** -- No person who is under the age of ~~eighteen (18)~~ twenty-one (21) years shall
13 be admitted into a building where pari-mutuel betting or simulcast is taking place, unless the
14 person is an employee of a licensed concessionaire or licensed vendor and performing his or her
15 duties of employment.

16 SECTION 3. Chapter 41-9.1 of the General Laws entitled "The Rhode Island Gaming
17 Control and Revenue Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

18 **41-9.1-28.1. Minors under age twenty-one (21) prohibited.** – (a) No casino or slot

1 parlor licensee shall knowingly permit any person under age twenty-one (21) to be a patron of the
2 casino or slot parlor.

3 (b) If any individual is convicted of underage gambling, it shall be deemed to be a
4 disorderly persons offense and shall be fined a minimum of one hundred dollars (\$100) and not
5 more than five hundred dollars (\$500). In addition, the individual's driver's license shall be
6 suspended for six (6) months.

7 (c) If the individual is under the age of seventeen (17) and has not yet obtained a driver's
8 license, the issuance of that person's driver's license shall be postponed for six (6) months.

9 (d) If a parent or a person who has custody or control of a person under the age of
10 twenty-one (21) allows an underage individual to gamble, that person shall be charged with a
11 disorderly person's offense and the penalties shall be the same as paragraph (a) of this section.

12 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would increase the legal age for gambling from eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21)
2 years of age at any facility where there is a pari-mutuel system, casinos or slot parlors. This act
3 also provides penalties which would include fines and loss of a driver's license for underage
4 gambling.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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