



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RACING AND WAGERING  
ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**SUBJECT:** Problem Gambling

**PURPOSE:** To examine current strategies to address problem gambling in New York State, and evaluate if other measures are needed to promote responsible gaming.

**Wednesday  
December 18, 2019  
11 AM  
Hearing Room C,  
Legislative Office Building  
Albany, NY**

As the gaming industry continues to expand, it has become more imperative to discuss safe gambling practices and protect at-risk participants. The Gaming Commission, New York Council on Problem Gambling, and the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) have worked together to promote responsible gaming by creating the Responsible Play Partnership. The Partnership works to monitor the gambling industry in New York State, ensure compliance of responsible gaming procedures at gaming facilities, assess a viable self-exclusion program, and implement preventative problem gambling strategies statewide. OASAS also provides a problem gambling hotline, information about how those impacted by problem gambling can seek help, and guidance for treatment providers' implementation of problem gambling treatment services. This hearing will provide the Assembly Committees on Racing and Wagering and Alcoholism and Drug Abuse with an opportunity to hear from stakeholders and related state agencies on how best to continue implementing strong responsible gaming strategies as the industry continues to grow.

Please see the reverse side for a list of subjects to which witnesses may direct their testimony, and for a description of the bills which will be discussed at the hearing.

Persons wishing to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

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**Member of Assembly  
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**SELECTED ISSUES TO WHICH WITNESSES MAY DIRECT THEIR TESTIMONY:**

Problem Gambling  
OASAS Funding  
Self- Exclusion

**PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM**

Persons wishing to present testimony at the public hearing on Problem Gambling are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible and mail, email or fax it to:

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