



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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Combatting Problem Gambling on Mobile Wagering Platforms

PURPOSE: To examine protections against problem gambling associated with mobile wagering platforms.

Wednesday
October 29th, 2025
10AM
Hearing Room C
Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY 12210

ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY

According to the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) and the American Psychiatric Association, problem gambling is defined as gambling behavior that disrupts major areas of life, oftentimes including personal relationships, financial stability, employment, and mental health. At its core, problem gambling is a loss of control over gambling behavior despite mounting harmful consequences.

Research by the National Council on Problem Gambling suggests that the risk of problem gambling has increased as mobile wagering has provided greater access to and frequency of gambling opportunities. Over the years, New York State has enacted various laws to address the issue of problem gambling, such as restricting advertising, limiting solicitations, and permitting voluntary self-exclusion. However, since mobile wagering operators do not track or maintain quantitative or qualitative information regarding who is participating in mobile wagering, it is difficult to track which methods are most effective in combatting this issue on mobile wagering platforms.

For these reasons, the Assembly Standing Committee on Racing and Wagering and the Assembly Standing Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse seek to examine current efforts to address problem gambling associated with mobile wagering platforms and to explore ways to help mitigate its risks on these platforms in the future. The Committees seek testimony on how mobile wagering operators work to prevent problem gambling, what additional guardrails may be implemented, and whether New York's laws and regulations provide sufficient protection. Testimony providing data on problem gambling associated with mobile wagering platforms, as well as strategies, proposals, and insights on strengthening problem gambling prevention and solutions, is encouraged to help better understand the extent of this issue.

Persons invited to present relevant testimony to the Committees at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form. Please ensure the reply form is fully completed and returned as soon as possible so that individuals may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to five (5) minutes. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees 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 the staff as early as possible.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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Persons invited to present testimony at the public hearing on combatting problem gambling on mobile wagering platforms are requested to complete this reply form **no later than Monday October 27th, 2025**, and email or fax it to:

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Oral Testimony by Invitation Only

- I plan to attend the following public hearing on combatting problem gambling on mobile wagering platforms to be conducted by the Assembly Standing Committees on Racing and Wagering and Alcoholism and Drug Abuse on October 29th, 2025.

- If invited, I would like to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to five minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.

- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

- I do not plan to attend the above hearing.

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