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Mary-Anne E. Dandles
Clerk of the Assembly
New York State Assembly
Albany, NY 12248

Francis W. Patience
Secretary of the Senate
New York State Senate
Albany, New York 12247

Re: Senate No. 1282

Dear Mr. Patience and Ms. Dandles:

In accordance with Article 19, section 1 of the Constitution, the Senate has requested my opinion as to the legal effect of the amendment proposed by the above-designated concurrent resolution upon the other provisions of the Constitution. Members of my staff have reviewed the relevant provisions.

This concurrent resolution proposes an amendment to section 9 of Article 1 of the Constitution, in relation to authorizing gambling on professional sporting events and athletic events sponsored by universities or colleges.

If adopted, this concurrent resolution would create another exception to the general prohibition against gambling set forth in Article 1 section 9.

In my opinion, if adopted, the proposed amendment will have no effect upon other provisions of the Constitution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric T. Schneiderman'.

ERIC T. SCHNEIDERMAN