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Pataki's Gaming Commission Idea Approved

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ALBANY, New York – As reported by the Newsday: "Gov. George Pataki's plan

to create a gambling commission to regulate horse tracks and the new gambling parlors featuring video lottery terminals sailed through the Republican-controlled state Senate Thursday.

"Despite grumbling by Democrats that they were given almost no time to study the Pataki proposal, the bill was approved 49-10 and sent to the Democrat-dominated Assembly.

"...The gambling commission, comprised of the governor's appointees, would oversee the gambling halls at horse tracks featuring slot machine-like VLTS, as well as 'all facets of legalized gaming and horse racing.' The legislation would also empower the commission to temporarily operate a race track or VLT hall, which is expected to bring hundreds of millions of dollars in state in revenues..."

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