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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY ORTITAY, KAUFER, MURT, NEILSON AND RYAN,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAMING OVERSIGHT, FEBRUARY 4, 2019

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in administration and enforcement relating to  
3 gaming, further providing for list of persons self excluded  
4 from gaming activities.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 1516 of Title 4 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding subsections to read:

9 § 1516. List of persons self excluded from gaming activities.

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11 (e) Evaluation for gambling disorder.--

12 (1) Upon conviction or admission to Accelerated  
13 Rehabilitative Disposition or other pretrial diversion  
14 program of a person for an offense committed under 18 Pa.C.S.  
15 § 3503(b) (relating to criminal trespass) where the person's  
16 name is included on a self-exclusion list under this section  
17 and the offense was committed at a licensed facility, the  
18 court may direct that the person be evaluated in a manner  
19 deemed appropriate by the court to determine:

1           (i) if the person has a gambling disorder; and  
2           (ii) whether there is a need for counseling or  
3           treatment as part of the sentence or preadjudication  
4           disposition.

5           (2) The evaluation shall be conducted by a single county  
6           authority for drug and alcohol or its designee and shall  
7           include recommendations for levels of care, continuing care  
8           and monitoring.

9           (f) Definition.--As used in this section, "evaluation" means  
10          an assessment performed by a clinician who meets the minimum  
11          qualifications prescribed by the Department of Drug and Alcohol  
12          Programs for the provision of gambling disorder counseling.

13          Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.