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PROBLEM GAMBLING VERMONT

S.223 – An act relating to regulating fantasy sports contests
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Suggested Amendments (in bold and underline):

§ 4186. CONSUMER PROTECTION

- (a) A fantasy sports operator shall adopt policies or procedures to:
- (3) require and verify that a fantasy sports player is 18 years of age or older **through the use of a commercially available database or aggregate of databases, consisting primarily of data from government sources, that is regularly used by government and businesses for the purpose of age and identity verification and authentication;**
 - (7) **provide one percent of annual net revenue as determined by the annual audit in Section xxxx to a state designated program for Problem Gambling;**
 - (8) **develop consumer protection guidelines based on the National Council on Problem Gambling Fantasy Sports Consumer Protection Guidelines. These consumer protection guidelines shall include but not be limited to the following:**
 - (A) **a link on the fantasy contest's website to information on problem gambling and where to seek assistance for problem gambling in Vermont and Nationally;**
 - (B) **Self-exclusion Restrictions which is a customer-initiated restriction on their ability to participate in game-play. Self-exclusions Restrictions shall:**
 1. **be made available on the fantasy contest's website or via telephone or online chat with a fantasy contest operator's customer service agent;**
 2. **allow the fantasy contest player to select the length of the self-exclusion and be irrevocable during the period specified;**
 3. **contain information about available problem gambling resources;**
 4. **contain information regarding the closure process for accounts opened by the fantasy contest player and restrictions on opening new accounts during the self-exclusion;**
 5. **contain requirements for reinstatement at conclusion of self-selected self-exclusion;**
 6. **contain information regarding how reward points and remaining deposit account balances are handled.;**
 - (C) **access to the fantasy contest player's play history, including money spent, games played and previous line-ups and prizes awarded;**
 - (D) **access to account details including all deposit amounts, withdrawal amounts, bonus information including how much is left on any pending bonus and how much has been released to the fantasy contest player.**

CARTER, Inc. is a 501c3 private nonprofit organization dedicated to the art and science of achieving lifelong freedom from addiction. The goal of CARTER, Inc. is to transform addiction into enduring health and well-being.