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A bill to be entitled An act relating to slot machine gaming; creating the Keep the Promise Act of 2005 to implement s. 23, Art. X of the State Constitution; providing for administration and regulation by the Division of Slot Machines of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; amending s. 20.165, F.S.; establishing a Division of Slot Machines in the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; creating chapter 551, F.S.; implementing s. 23, Art. X of the State Constitution; authorizing slot machines and slot machine gaming within certain parimutuel facilities located in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties upon approval by local referendum; providing for administration and regulation by the Division of Slot Machines of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; providing definitions; providing powers and duties of the division; directing the division to adopt rules necessary to implement, administer, and regulate slot machine gaming; requiring such rules to include application procedures, certain technical requirements, procedures relating to revenue, certain regulation and management and auditing procedures, certain bond requirements, and requirements for record maintenance, payouts, and data collection and reporting; providing for investigations by the division; providing for investigation of violations in conjunction with other agencies; providing specified law enforcement powers to the division; providing for access to slot machine

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licensee facilities by the division; authorizing the division to make certain inspections and examinations, collect certain moneys, and deny, revoke, suspend, or place conditions on the license under certain circumstances; providing for suspension or revocation of the license of an unqualified applicant or licensee; providing for licensure to conduct slot machine gaming; providing for application for licensure; providing conditions for conducting slot machine gaming; providing requirements for receiving and maintaining a license which include compliance with slot machine regulations and regulations relating to pari-mutuel wagering, maintaining the pari-mutuel permit and license, conducting a certain number of live races or games, allowing access to the division, and submission of certain plans; prohibiting transfer of a license; providing a limit on the number of slot machines at a facility; providing for annual renewal of the license; providing for a renewal application and procedures for approval; requiring the slot machine licensee pay to the division an annual license fee; providing for deposit of the fee into the Slot Machine Administrative Trust Fund for certain purposes; requiring the division to evaluate the license fee and make recommendations to the Legislature; requiring the slot machine licensee pay an annual tax on each machine; providing for deposit of the tax into the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund to be distributed to the school district where the facility is located for certain

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purposes; directing the Department of Education to conduct an audit and return amounts in excess of certain costs to the licensee; providing a tax on slot machine revenues; providing payment procedures; providing penalties for failure to make payments; providing for submission of funds by electronic funds transfer; providing for general, professional, and business occupational licenses; prohibiting transfer of such licenses; prohibiting a slot machine licensee from employing or doing business with persons or businesses unless such person or business is properly licensed; providing for application forms, fees, and procedures; authorizing the division to adopt rules relating to applications, licensure, and renewal of licensure and fees therefor; requiring payment of initial application and renewal fees; requiring slot machine licensee to pay licensure fees of general occupational licensees; providing for reciprocal disciplinary actions with other jurisdictions; providing for disciplinary actions against a licensee for certain violations of regulations or laws; requiring fingerprints and criminal records checks of applicants or licensees; requiring certain costs of the records check be borne by the applicant or licensee; providing for distribution of funds into the Slot Machine Administrative Trust Fund; prohibiting certain relationships between employees of the division or board and licensees of the division; prohibiting certain relationships between business occupational licensees and slot machine licensees;

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prohibiting certain financial interests in slot machine 85 86 licensees by certain manufacturers or distributors; 87 prohibiting certain actions relating to required reports, applications, and accounting; prohibiting possession of 88 89 slot machine by unlicensed person; prohibiting manipulation of a slot machine; providing penalties; 90 91 providing for distribution of funds into the Slot Machine 92 Administrative Trust Fund; authorizing manufacture, sale, 93 distribution, possession, and operation of slot machines 94 under certain circumstances; authorizing the division to exclude any person from licensed facilities under certain 95 circumstances; requiring certain signage in designated 96 gaming areas; requiring certain equipment or facilities 97 98 relating to races or games within the gaming area; 99 prohibiting a licensee and employees and agents of the 100 licensee from allowing a person under a certain age to 101 operate slot machines or to have access to the gaming 102 area; prohibiting loans or credit or automatic dispensing 103 of cash within the facility to play slot machines; 104 prohibiting slot machines that accept cash to operate; 105 prohibiting slot machines designed to display certain 106 false enticements or give a player certain false impressions; providing for the hours of operation of slot 107 108 machines; providing penalties for certain violations by a 109 licensee; providing for deposit of fines collected; 110 authorizing the division to suspend or revoke the license 111 of a slot machine licensee for maintaining a nuisance under certain circumstances; providing for application of 112

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113 penalties to licensee not meeting reporting obligations 114 with the board; creating the State Slot Machine Gaming 115 Board within the division; providing that the board is not 116 a state entity; providing for public meetings and records 117 of the board; providing for offices and personnel of the board; providing for expenditures of state funds derived 118 119 from regulatory fees; providing for administrative support 120 for the board from the division; providing purpose of the 121 board; providing for organization, membership, and 122 meetings of the board; prohibiting certain interests in any slot machine licensee or the gambling industry by 123 124 members of the board; providing penalties; providing for reimbursement of certain expenses of board members; 125 126 providing powers and duties of the board; directing the 127 board to make certain performance evaluations and reports; 128 directing the division to adopt certain performance rules 129 governing activities of slot machine licensees; requiring 130 review of proposed performance rules for response by the 131 board prior to adoption; providing conditions for the 132 division to deny renewal of slot machine license; 133 directing the division to adopt certain qualification performance rules; providing for review by the board to 134 determine certain effects of slot machine gaming; 135 136 directing the division to adopt certain performance 137 expectation rules to include a requirement that the slot 138 machine licensee annually report to the board certain 139 information for a determination of the net result of the 140 slot machine licensee's slot machine operations; requiring

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the reports to include summaries of certain information 141 142 from local law enforcement agencies, social services 143 agencies, clerks of court, the Department of Highway 144 Safety and Motor Vehicles, and local emergency management 145 agencies and a summary of lobbying activities conducted by 146 or on behalf of the slot machine licensee; requiring 147 review of proposed performance expectation rules for 148 response by the board prior to adoption; requiring the 149 performance rules to require the slot machine licensee to 150 provide information to the board on an annual basis; 151 requiring the board to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature; providing for content of the 152 report; directing the Office of Program Policy Analysis 153 154 and Government Accountability to conduct a performance 155 audit of the board and the division by a certain date; 156 providing for items to be addressed by the audit; 157 providing for an update of the report to include a 158 referendum recommendation to the Legislature concerning 159 repeal of the authority to operate slot machines; 160 requiring the chief law enforcement officer of certain 161 counties and municipalities to annually execute and 162 transmit to the board an affidavit relating to certain 163 funding; providing purpose of the affidavit; requiring the 164 governing body of certain counties and municipalities to 165 annually adopt and transmit to the board a resolution 166 relating to the operations of slot machine gaming; 167 authorizing other governing bodies to transmit such a resolution to the board; requiring tourist development 168

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councils to annually adopt and transmit to the board a resolution relating to the operations of slot machine gaming; providing for a county or municipality to call a referendum on the question of slot machines being declared an undue burden; providing for consideration by the board of the affidavits, resolutions, and referenda; providing for the Mental Health Program Office within the Department of Children and Family Services to establish a compulsive gambling program in conjunction with the Department of Education; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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- Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Keep The Promise Act of 2005."
- Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 20.165, Florida

  Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 20.165 Department of Business and Professional Regulation. -- There is created a Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
    - (2) The following divisions of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation are established:
      - (a) Division of Administration.
      - (b) Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco.
      - (c) Division of Certified Public Accounting.
  - 1. The director of the division shall be appointed by the secretary of the department, subject to approval by a majority of the Board of Accountancy.

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2. The offices of the division shall be located in
Gainesville.

(d) Division of Florida Land Sales, Condominiums, and

- (e) Division of Hotels and Restaurants.
- (f) Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering.
- (g) Division of Professions.

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Mobile Homes.

- (h) Division of Real Estate.
- 1. The director of the division shall be appointed by the secretary of the department, subject to approval by a majority of the Florida Real Estate Commission.
- 2. The offices of the division shall be located in Orlando.
  - (i) Division of Regulation.
  - (j) Division of Slot Machines.
  - (k) Division of Technology, Licensure, and Testing.

213 Section 3. Chapter 551, Florida Statutes, consisting of 214 sections 551.101, 551.103, 551.1071, 551.1073, 551.1077, 215 551.1079, 551.1091, 551.1111, 551.1113, 551.1115, 551.1119,

216 551.121, 551.125, 551.20, 551.25, 551.30, 551.33, 551.34,

217 551.341, 551.35, and 551.40, is created to read:

## 218 <u>CHAPTER 551</u>

## 219 <u>SLOT MACHINES</u>

551.101 Slot machine gaming authorized.--Any existing,
licensed pari-mutuel facility located in Miami-Dade County or
Broward County at the time of adoption of s. 23, Art. X of the
State Constitution that has conducted live racing or games
during calendar years 2002 and 2003 may possess slot machines

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and conduct slot machine gaming at the location where the parimutuel permitholder is authorized to conduct pari-mutuel wagering activities pursuant to such permitholder's valid parimutuel permit or as otherwise authorized by law provided a majority of voters in a countywide referendum have approved the possession of slot machines at such facility in the respective county. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it is not a crime for a person to participate in slot machine gaming at a pari-mutuel facility licensed to possess and conduct slot machine gaming or to participate in slot machine gaming described in this chapter.

- 551.103 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the term:
  - (1) "Board" means the State Slot Machine Gaming Board.
- (2) "Department" means the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
- (3) "Designated slot machine gaming area" means the area of a facility of a slot machine licensee in which slot machine gaming may be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.
- (4) "Division" means the Division of Slot Machines of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
- (5) "Slot machine" means a gaming device, whether or not mechanical, electronic, computerized, or other technological aids are used, that offers wagering on the game of bingo as defined in s. 849.0931, is owned by the slot machine licensee, and is capable of being linked to a centralized computer management system for regulating, managing, and auditing the

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operation, financial data, and program information, as required by the division.

- (6) "Mechanical, electronic, computerized, or other technological aids" means any machine or device that assists a player or the playing of a bingo game as defined in s. 849.0931 and broadens participation by allowing multiple players at one slot machine facility to play with or against each other in a bingo game for a common prize or prizes. Such aids may use alternative displays, including, but not limited to, a simulation of spinning reels, to illustrate aspects of the game of bingo such as when a player joins the game or when prizes have been awarded, as long as such aid continuously and prominently displays the electronic bingo card so that it is apparent that the player is actually engaged in the play of bingo. Such aids shall not:
  - (a) Determine or change the outcome of any game of bingo;
- (b) Be an electronic or electromechanical facsimile that replicates a game of bingo; or
- (c) Allow players to play with or against the machine or house for a prize.
- (7) "Electronic or electromechanical facsimile" means a game played in an electronic or electromechanical format that replicates a game of chance by incorporating all of the characteristics of the game, except when, for bingo, the electronic or electromechanical format broadens participation by allowing multiple players to play with or against each other rather than with or against a machine.
  - (8) "Slot machine licensee" means a pari-mutuel

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permitholder who holds a license issued by the division pursuant to this chapter which authorizes such person to possess a slot machine within facilities specified in s. 23, Art. X of the State Constitution and allows slot machine gaming.

- (9) "Slot machine revenues" means the total of all cash and property received by the slot machine licensee from slot machine gaming operations less the amount of cash, cash equivalents, credits, and prizes paid to winners of slot machine gaming.
  - 551.1071 Powers and duties.--

- (1) The division shall adopt, pursuant to the provisions of ss. 120.536 and 120.54, all rules necessary to implement, administer, and regulate slot machine gaming as authorized in this chapter. Such rules shall include:
- (a) Procedures for applying for a license and renewal of a license.
- (b) Establishing technical requirements in addition to the qualifications which shall be necessary to receive a slot machine license or slot machine occupational license.
- (c) Procedures relating to slot machine revenues, including verifying and accounting for such revenues, auditing, and collecting taxes and fees consistent with this chapter.
- (d) Procedures for regulating, managing, and auditing the operation, financial data, and program information relating to slot machines through a centralized computer management system.
- (e) Requiring each licensee at his or her own cost and expense to supply the division with a bond with the penal sum of \$2 million payable to the Governor and his or her successors in

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office for the licensee's first year of slot machine operations; and, thereafter, the licensee shall file a bond with the penal sum as determined by the division pursuant to rules promulgated to approximate anticipated state revenues from the licensee's slot machine operations. Any bond shall be issued by a surety or sureties to be approved by the division and the Chief Financial Officer, conditioned to faithfully make the payments to the Chief Financial Officer in his or her capacity as treasurer of the division. The licensee shall be required to keep its books and records and make reports as provided in this chapter and to conduct its slot machine operations in conformity with this chapter and all other provisions of law. The division may review the bond for adequacy and require adjustments each fiscal year. Such bond shall be separate and distinct from the bond required in s. 550.125.

- (f) Requiring licensees to maintain specified records and submit any data, information, record, or report, including financial and income records, required by this chapter or determined by the division to be necessary to the proper implementation and enforcement of this chapter.
- (g) Requiring that the payout percentage of a slot machine shall be no less than 93 percent per facility.
- (h) For the purpose of enforcement of paragraphs (c), (d), (f), and (g), the division shall require every authorized slot machine in use at a licensed premise to be equipped with an electronic data collection and reporting system that is capable of reporting on a real-time basis to the division, or any other state agency so designated, the record of each play, the amount

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of money of each play, and all payouts made therefrom for the
purposes of accurate reporting of all taxes which may be due to
the state and for such other purposes as the division may
designate.

(2) The division shall conduct such investigations that the division determines necessary to fulfill its responsibilities under the provisions of this chapter.

- (3) The division shall investigate all criminal violations of this chapter or any other criminal violation of law occurring on the facilities of a slot machine licensee and such investigations may be conducted in conjunction with the appropriate state attorney and appropriate law enforcement agencies. The division and its employees and agents shall have such other law enforcement powers as specified in ss. 943.04 and 943.10.
- (4) The division shall have unrestricted access to the slot machine licensee facility at all times and shall require of each slot machine licensee strict compliance with the laws of this state relating to the transaction of such business. The division:
- (a) May inspect and examine premises where slot machines are offered for play.
- (b) May inspect slot machines and related equipment and supplies.
  - (c) May collect taxes, assessments, fees, and penalties.
- (d) May deny, revoke, suspend, or place conditions on the license of a person who violates any provision of this chapter or rule adopted pursuant thereto.

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(5) The division shall revoke or suspend the license of any person who is no longer qualified or who is found, after receiving a license, to have been unqualified at the time of application for the license.

- 551.1073 License to conduct slot machine gaming .--
- (1) Upon application and a finding by the division after investigation that the application is complete and the applicant is qualified, and payment of the initial license fee the division shall issue a license to conduct slot machine gaming in the designated slot machine gaming area of the slot machine licensee's facility. Once licensed, slot machine gaming may be conducted subject to the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant thereto.
- (2) An application may be approved by the division only after the voters of the county where the applicant's facility is located have authorized by referendum slot machines within parimutuel facilities in that county as specified in s. 23, Art. X of the State Constitution and upon a showing of proof that the authority to conduct slot machine gaming has not been rescinded as a consequence of a subsequent constitutional amendment or referendum.
- (3) A slot machine license may only be issued to a licensed pari-mutuel permitholder and slot machine gaming may only be conducted at the same facility at which the permitholder is authorized under its valid pari-mutuel wagering permit to conduct pari-mutuel wagering activities.

(4) As a condition of licensure and to maintain continued authority for the conduct of slot machine gaming the slot machine licensee shall:

- (a) Continue to be in compliance with this chapter.
- (b) Continue to be in compliance with chapter 550, where applicable, and maintain the pari-mutuel permit and license in good standing pursuant to the provisions of chapter 550.
- (c) Conduct no fewer than the greater number of live races or games that were conducted at that pari-mutuel facility in calendar year 2002 or calendar year 2003.
- (d) Upon approval of any changes relating to the parimutuel permit by the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering in the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, be responsible for providing appropriate current and accurate documentation on a timely basis to the division in order to continue the slot machine license in good standing.
- (e) Allow unrestricted access and right of inspection by the division to facilities of a slot machine licensee in which any activity relative to the conduct of slot machine gaming is conducted.
- (f) Submit to the division an organizational and operational plan in a form and manner prescribed by the division for the establishment and operations of its slot machine gaming activities in this state, which proposed plan shall be submitted by the division prior to the approval or denial of a slot machine license to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(g) Submit a security plan, including a slot machine floor plan, location of security cameras, and the listing of security equipment which shall be capable of observing and electronically recording activities being conducted in the designated slot machine gaming area.

- (5) A slot machine license shall not be transferable.
- (6) A slot machine licensee may make available for play up to 3,000 slot machines within its designated slot machine gaming areas.
  - 551.1077 Slot machine license renewal.--
- (1) Slot machine licenses shall be renewed annually. The application for renewal shall contain all revisions to the information submitted in the prior year's application that are necessary to maintain such information as both accurate and current.
- (2) The applicant for renewal shall attest that any information changes do not affect the applicant's qualifications for license renewal.
- (3) The applicant shall submit information required by ss. 551.30(7), (8), and (9) and be in compliance with rules adopted by the division.
- (4) Upon determination by the division that the application for renewal is complete and qualifications have been met, including payment of the renewal fee, the slot machine license shall be renewed annually.
  - 551.1079 License fee; machine tax; tax rate.--
- 444 (1) LICENSE FEE.--

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445 (a) Upon approval of the application for a slot machine license, the licensee must pay to the division an initial 446 447 license fee of \$2.5 million. The license fee shall be paid 448 annually upon renewal of the slot machine license and shall be 449 deposited into the Slot Machine Administrative Trust Fund in the 450 Department of Business and Professional Regulation for the 451 regulation of slot machine gaming under this chapter. (b) Prior to January 1, 2006, the division shall evaluate 452 the license fee and, in consultation with the board, shall make 453 454 recommendations to the President of the Senate and the Speaker 455 of the House of Representatives. The recommendations shall focus 456 on the optimum level of slot machine license fees or a 457 combination of fees in order to properly support the slot machine regulatory program by the imposition of an annual slot 458 459 machine license fee. (2) LOCAL EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL SLOT 460 MACHINE TAX. --461 (a) On January 1 of each year, an annual tax of \$1,500 per 462 machine shall be imposed upon each slot machine approved for use 463 at any slot machine licensee's facility. The slot machine 464 licensee shall, on or before March 1 of each year, pay the total 465 amount of such tax to the division. The division shall deposit 466 any tax imposed pursuant to this subsection in the Educational 467 Enhancement Trust Fund on or before July 1 of each year. The Department of Education shall, on or before August 1 of each 468 469 year, forward to the school district where a slot machine 470 licensee is located any tax revenues collected from such slot 471 machine licensee pursuant to this subsection. The school 472 district shall use such revenues to pay additional:

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1. Supplemental public education instruction expenses;

- 2. Classroom and school facilities construction expenses;
- 3. School safety expenses; or
- 4. Educational infrastructure expenses.

All expenses under this paragraph must have been incurred as a direct result of the slot machine licensee's operation of slot machines in the school district during the immediately preceding school year.

- (b) On or before June 30 of each year following a school district's receipt of tax revenues, the Department of Education shall conduct an independent audit for purposes of confirming the amount of any additional expenses to the school district that are directly attributable to such district as a direct result of the slot machine licensee's operations of slot machines in the school district during the immediately preceding school year. The amount of the tax revenues received from a slot machine licensee pursuant to this section in excess of the amount of any such additional direct expenses, as determined by the Department of Education audit, shall be returned to the slot machine licensee within 90 days after the audit becomes final.
  - (3) TAX ON REVENUES. --
- (a) The tax rate shall be a percent of the slot machine revenues based on the number of machines authorized by the division to be operated by the slot machine licensee.
- 1. A tax of 35 percent of slot machine revenues shall apply when up to and including 1,000 slot machines have been approved.

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2. A tax of 40 percent of slot machine revenues shall apply when 1,001 to 2,000, inclusive, slot machines have been approved.

- 3. A tax of 45 percent of slot machine revenues shall apply when 2,001 to 3,000, inclusive, slot machines have been approved.
- (b) All such tax revenue shall be deposited unallocated into the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund in the Department of Education.
- (4) PAYMENT PROCEDURES.--Tax payments shall be remitted daily, as determined by rule of the division. The slot machine licensee shall file a report under oath by the 5th day of each calendar month for all taxes remitted during the preceding calendar month that shall show all slot machine activities for the preceding calendar month and such other information as may be required by the division.
- (5) FAILURE TO PAY TAX; PENALTIES. -- A slot machine licensee who fails to make tax payments as required under this section shall be subject to an administrative penalty of up to \$1,000 for each day the tax payment is not remitted. All administrative penalties imposed and collected shall be deposited into the Slot Machine Administrative Trust Fund in the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. If any slot machine licensee fails to pay penalties imposed by order of the division under this subsection, the division may suspend, revoke, or fail to renew the license of the slot machine licensee.
  - (6) FAILURE TO PAY TAX; GROUNDS TO SUSPEND, REVOKE, OR Page 19 of 48

FAIL TO RENEW THE LICENSE. -- In addition to the penalties imposed under subsection (5), any willful or wanton failure by a slot machine licensee to make payments of the tax constitutes sufficient grounds for the division to suspend, revoke, or fail to renew the license of the slot machine licensee.

- (7) SUBMISSION OF FUNDS. -- The division may require slot machine licensees to remit taxes, fees, fines, and assessments by electronic funds transfer.
- 551.1091 Occupational license required; application; fee.--
- (1) The individuals and entities that are licensed under this section require heightened state scrutiny, including the submission by the individual licensees or persons associated with the entities described in this chapter of fingerprints for a criminal records check.
- (2)(a) The following licenses shall be issued to persons or entities with access to the designated slot machine gaming area or to persons who, by virtue of the position they hold, might be granted access to these areas or to any other person or entity in one of the following categories.
- 1. General occupational licenses for general employees, food service, maintenance, and other similar service and support employees with access to the designated slot machine gaming area. Service and support employees with a current pari-mutuel occupational license issued pursuant to chapter 550 and a current background check are not required to submit to an additional background check for a slot machine occupational license as long as the pari-mutuel occupational license remains

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in good standing.

2. Professional occupational licenses for any person, proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or other entity that is authorized by a slot machine licensee to manage, oversee, or otherwise control daily operations as a slot machine manager, floor supervisor, security personnel, or any other similar position of oversight of gaming operations.

- 3. Business occupational licenses for any slot machine management company or slot machine business associated with slot machine gaming or a person who manufactures, distributes, or sells slot machines, slot machine paraphernalia, or other associated equipment to slot machine licensees or any person not an employee of the slot machine licensee who provides maintenance, repair, or upgrades or otherwise services a slot machine or other slot machine equipment.
- (b) Slot machine occupational licenses are not transferable.
- (3) A slot machine licensee shall not employ or otherwise allow a person to work at a slot machine facility unless such person holds a valid occupational license. A slot machine licensee shall not contract or otherwise do business with a business required to hold a slot machine occupational license unless the business holds such a license. A slot machine licensee shall not employ or otherwise allow a person to work in a supervisory or management professional level at a slot machine facility unless such person holds a valid occupational license.
- (4)(a) A person seeking a slot machine occupational license, or renewal thereof, shall make application on forms

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prescribed by the division and include payment of the appropriate application fee. Initial and renewal applications for slot machine occupational licenses shall contain all the information the division, by rule, may determine is required to ensure eligibility.

- (b) The division shall establish, by rule, a schedule for the annual renewal of slot machine occupational licenses.
- (c) Pursuant to rules adopted by the division, any person may apply for and, if qualified, be issued an occupational license valid for a period of 3 years upon payment of the full occupational license fee for each of the 3 years for which the license is issued. The occupational license shall be valid during its specified term at any slot machine facility where slot machine gaming is authorized to be conducted.
- (d) The slot machine occupational license fee for initial application and annual renewal shall be determined by rule of the division but shall not exceed \$50 for a general or professional occupational license for an employee of the slot machine licensee or \$1,000 for a business occupational license for nonemployees of the licensee providing goods or services to the slot machine licensee. License fees for general occupational licensees shall be paid for by the slot machine licensee.

  Failure to pay the required fee shall be grounds for disciplinary action by the division against the slot machine license but shall not be considered a violation of this chapter or rules of the division by the general occupational licensee or a prohibition against the issuance of the initial or the renewal of the general occupational license.

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(5) If the state gaming commission or other similar regulatory authority of another state or jurisdiction extends to the division reciprocal courtesy to maintain disciplinary control, the division may:

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- (a) Deny an application for or revoke, suspend, or place conditions or restrictions on a license of a person or entity who has been refused a license by any other state gaming commission or similar authority; or
- (b) Deny an application for or suspend or place conditions on a license of any person or entity who is under suspension or has unpaid fines in another jurisdiction.
- (6)(a) The division may deny, suspend, revoke, or declare ineligible any occupational license if the applicant for or holder thereof has violated the provisions of this chapter or the rules of the division governing the conduct of persons connected with slot machine gaming. In addition, the division may deny, suspend, revoke, or declare ineligible any occupational license if the applicant for such license has been convicted in this state, in any other state, or under the laws of the United States of a capital felony, a felony, or an offense in any other state which would be a felony under the laws of this state involving arson; trafficking in, conspiracy to traffic in, smuggling, importing, conspiracy to smuggle or import, or delivery, sale, or distribution of a controlled substance; or a crime involving a lack of good moral character, or has had a slot machine gaming license revoked by this state or any other jurisdiction for an offense related to slot machine gaming.

(b) The division may deny, declare ineligible, or revoke any occupational license if the applicant for such license or the licensee has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor in this state, in any other state, or under the laws of the United States, if such felony or misdemeanor is related to gambling or bookmaking as contemplated in s. 849.25.

- applications shall be taken in a manner approved by the division and shall be submitted to the Florida Department of Law

  Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a level

  II criminal records check upon initial application and every 5

  years thereafter. The division may by rule require an annual or less frequent records check not to exceed every 5 years of all renewal applications for a slot machine occupational license.

  The cost of processing fingerprints and conducting a records check shall be borne by the applicant.
- (8) All moneys collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Slot Machine Administrative Trust Fund.

551.1111 Prohibited relationships. --

- (1) A person employed by or performing any function on behalf of the division or the board shall not:
- (a) Be an officer, director, owner, or employee of any person or entity licensed by the division.
- (b) Have or hold any interest, direct or indirect, in or engage in any commerce or business relationship with any person licensed by the division.
- (2) A manufacturer or distributor of slot machines or slot machine management company or other business occupational

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licensee shall not enter into any contract with a slot machine licensee that provides for any revenue sharing of any kind or nature that is, directly or indirectly, calculated on the basis of a percentage of slot machine revenues. Any maneuver, shift, or device whereby this provision is violated shall be a violation of this chapter and shall render any such agreement void.

(3) A manufacturer or distributor of slot machines or any equipment necessary for the operation of slot machines or an officer, director, or employee of any such manufacturer or distributor shall not have any ownership or financial interest in a slot machine license or in any business owned by the slot machine licensee.

## 551.1113 Prohibited acts.--

- (1) Except as otherwise provided by law and in addition to any other penalty, any person who intentionally makes or causes to be made or aids, assists, or procures another to make a false statement in any report, disclosure, application, or any other document required under this chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter is subject to an administrative fine or civil penalty of up to \$10,000.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided by law and in addition to any other penalty, any person who possesses a slot machine without the license required by this chapter or who possesses a slot machine at any location other than at the slot machine licensee facility is subject to an administrative fine or civil penalty of up to \$10,000.
  - (3) Except as otherwise provided by law and in addition to Page 25 of 48

any other penalty, any person who intentionally excludes, or takes any action in an attempt to exclude, anything or its value from the deposit, counting, collection, or computation of revenues from slot machine activity is subject to an administrative fine or civil penalty of up to \$25,000.

- (4) Any person who, with intent to manipulate the outcome, payoff, or operation of a slot machine by physical tampering, or by use of any object, instrument, or device, whether mechanical, electrical, magnetic, or other means, manipulates the outcome, payoff, or operation of a slot machine commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- (5) All penalties imposed and collected must be deposited into the Slot Machine Administrative Trust Fund in the department.
- 551.1115 Illegal devices.--Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no slot machine manufactured, sold, distributed, possessed, or operated according to the provisions of this chapter shall be considered unlawful.
  - 551.1119 Facilities of slot machine licensees.--
- (1) In addition to the power to exclude certain persons from any facility of a slot machine licensee in this state, the division may exclude any person from any facility of a slot machine licensee in this state for conduct that would constitute, if the person were a licensee, a violation of this chapter or the rules of the division. The division may exclude from any facility of a slot machine licensee any person who has been ejected from a facility of a slot machine licensee in this

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machine licensee or gaming facility in another state by the governmental department, agency, commission, or authority exercising regulatory jurisdiction over the gaming in such other state.

- (2) This section shall not be construed to abrogate the common law right of a slot machine licensee to exclude a patron absolutely in this state.
- (3) The division shall require the posting of signs in the designated slot machine gaming areas warning of the risks and dangers of gambling, showing the odds of winning, and informing patrons of the toll-free telephone number available to provide information and referral services regarding compulsive or problem gambling.
- (4) The division shall require slot machine licensees to provide in the designated slot machine gaming area facilities and equipment sufficient to allow the observation of and wagering on live, intertrack, and simulcast races and games.
  - 551.121 Minors prohibited from playing slot machines.--
- (1) A slot machine licensee or agent or employee of a slot machine licensee shall not:
- (a) Allow a person who has not attained 18 years of age to play any slot machine.
- (b) Allow a person who has not attained 18 years of age access to the designated slot machine gaming area of a facility of a slot machine licensee.
- 751 (c) Allow a person who has not attained 18 years of age to
  752 be employed in any position allowing or requiring access to the

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designated slot machine gaming area of a facility of a slot machine licensee.

- (2) No person licensed under this chapter, or any agent or employee of a licensee under this chapter, shall intentionally allow a person who has not attained 18 years of age to play or operate a slot machine or have access to the designated slot machine area of a facility of a slot machine licensee.
  - 551.125 Credit and other devices prohibited. --
- (1) A slot machine licensee shall not allow any automated teller machine or similar device designed to provide credit or dispense cash to be located within the facilities of the slot machine licensee.
- (2) A slot machine licensee shall not make any loan or provide credit or advance cash to enable a person to play a slot machine.
- (3) A slot machine shall not be capable of accepting cash or other currency.
- (4) A slot machine shall not be designed in such a way through programming or otherwise to display a result that appears to be a near win, gives the impression that the player is getting close to a win, or in any way gives a false impression that the chance to win is improved by another play; however, this subsection does not apply to general promotional enticements such as graphic displays and sound effects that do not falsely imply that the chance of winning improves by continued play.
- 551.20 Hours of operation. -- Slot machine gaming may be conducted 14 hours per day on Monday through Friday and may be

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conducted 24 hours per day on Saturday and Sunday.

## 551.25 Penalties.--

- (1) The division may revoke or suspend any license issued under this chapter upon the willful violation by the licensee of any provision of this chapter or of any rule adopted under this chapter. In lieu of suspending or revoking a license, the division may impose a civil penalty against the licensee for a violation of this chapter or any rule adopted by the division. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the penalty so imposed may not exceed \$1,000 for each count or separate offense. All penalties imposed and collected must be deposited into the Slot Machine Administrative Trust Fund in the department.
- (2) The division is given full power and authority to revoke or suspend the license of any person holding a slot machine license under this chapter when it is determined or found by the division upon sufficient cause appearing that the licensee is maintaining a nuisance on the slot machine gaming premises that tends to annoy the community, injure the health of the citizens in general, or corrupt the public morals as described in ss. 823.01 and 823.05.
- (3) In addition to any criminal or civil penalty imposed by a court pursuant to chapter 60 for maintaining a nuisance, the division shall revoke the license of any slot machine licensee when it is determined or found by the division that a pattern of at least three violations constituting a nuisance occurred on the licensed slot machine premises within a 90-day period.

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(4) The penalties of this section shall apply to a slot machine licensee who has not met the reporting obligations between the slot machine licensee and the board.

- 551.30 State Slot Machine Gaming Board. --
- 813 (1) CREATION. --

- (a) There is created a board known as the State Slot Machine Gaming Board which shall be housed within the division.
- (b) The board is not a unit or entity of state government. However, the board is subject to the provisions of s. 24, Art. I of the State Constitution and chapter 119, relating to public meetings and records and the provisions of chapter 286 relating to public meetings and records.
- (c) The principal office of the board shall be in Tallahassee; however, the board may establish at least one office in any county where slot machine gaming is authorized to be conducted.
- (d) The board shall hire or contract for all staff
  necessary for the proper execution of its powers and duties
  within the funds appropriated to implement this section and
  shall comply with the code of ethics for public officers and
  employees under part III of chapter 112. In no case may the
  board expend more than its annual appropriation for staffing and
  necessary administrative expenditures, including, but not
  limited to, travel and per diem and audit expenditures, using
  funds appropriated to implement this section. The funds
  appropriated shall be derived from a portion of the imposition
  of regulatory fees to offset the costs of regulation.

(e) The division shall provide administrative support to the board as requested by the board. In the event of the dissolution of the board, the division shall be the board's successor in interest and shall assume all rights, duties, and obligations of the board.

- (2) PURPOSE.--The board's purpose shall be to safeguard the state's commitment to control gambling-related crime, prevent expansion of gambling, prevent gambling's negative impact on economic development and family-friendly tourism, and control the negative social and community impacts of gambling by ensuring that the slot machine licensee keep the promises made to the voters of this state and comply fully with all expectations, regulations, and performance measures. The board shall require quarantees from each slot machine licensee that its authorization to have slot machines does not result in any diminution of its prior business purpose, hold slot machine licensees to the highest operational standards, and hold slot machine licensees accountable for all negative impacts of their gambling business. In this manner, the board shall facilitate and oversee the stated goal and public purpose of providing financial support for public educational programs and protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and communities of this state.
  - (3) BOARD; MEMBERSHIP.--

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(a) The board shall consist of nine voting members of high moral character, impeccable reputation, and demonstrable business expertise. No more than two members shall be residents of a county where slot machine gaming is authorized to be

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conducted. The Governor shall appoint the members of the board.

The director of the division shall serve as an ex officio,

nonvoting member of the board. Appointment of members of the

board shall be confirmed by the Senate.

- (b) Each member of the board shall serve for a term of 4 years, except that initially the Governor shall appoint three members for a term of 1 year, three members for a term of 2 years, and three members for a term of 4 years to achieve staggered terms among the members of the board. A member is not eligible for reappointment to the board, except, however, that a member appointed to an initial term of 1 year or 2 years may be reappointed for an additional term of 4 years, and a person appointed to fill a vacancy with 2 years or less remaining on the term may be reappointed for an additional term of 4 years
- (c) The Governor shall fill a vacancy on the board. A vacancy that occurs before the scheduled expiration of the term of the member shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- (d) Each member of the board who is not otherwise required to file financial disclosure under s. 8, Art. II of the State

  Constitution or s. 112.3144 shall file disclosure of financial interests under s. 112.3145.
- (e) A person may not be appointed to the board if he or she has any direct or indirect interest in any slot machine licensee or any aspect of the gambling industry or any affiliated activities. A person appointed to the board must agree to refrain from having any such interest during the term of his or her appointment and for 10 years after the termination

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of such appointment. It is a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, for a person to accept appointment to the board in violation of this paragraph or to accept any interest prohibited under this paragraph within 10 years after the termination of his or her service on the board.

- (f) Each member of the board shall serve without compensation, but shall receive travel and per diem expenses as provided in s. 112.061 while in the performance of his or her duties.
- g) Each member of the board is accountable for the proper performance of the duties of office, and each member owes a fiduciary duty to the people of the state to ensure that all activities conducted in furtherance of this section. The Governor may remove a member for malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty, incompetence, permanent inability to perform official duties, unexcused absence from three consecutive meetings of the board, arrest or indictment for a crime that is a felony or a misdemeanor involving theft or moral turpitude, a crime of dishonesty, or pleading nolo contendere to, or being found quilty of, any crime.
  - (4) ORGANIZATION; MEETINGS.--

(a)1. The board shall annually elect a chairperson and a vice chairperson from among the board's members. The members may, by a vote of five of the nine board members, remove a member from the position of chairperson or vice chairperson prior to the expiration of his or her term as chairperson or vice chairperson. His or her successor shall be elected to serve

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for the balance of the removed chairperson's or vice chairperson's term.

- 2. The chairperson is responsible to ensure that records are kept of the proceedings of the board and is the custodian of all books, documents, and papers filed with the board, the minutes of meetings of the board, and the official seal of the board.
- (b)1. The board shall meet upon the call of the chairperson or at the request of a majority of the members, but no less than quarterly per calendar year.
- 2. A majority of the voting members of the board constitutes a quorum. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the board may take official action by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting at which a quorum is present. Members may not vote by proxy.
- 3. A member of the board may participate in a meeting of the board by telephone or video conference through which each member may hear every other member.
  - (5) POWERS AND DUTIES. -- The board:
- (a) Shall make a performance evaluation of each slot machine licensee and assume any other functions that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.
- (b) Shall do all things necessary to identify the performance of obligations of the slot machine licensee.
- (c) May perform all acts and things necessary or
  convenient to carry out the powers expressly granted in this
  section.

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(d) May make expenditures, from regulatory funds provided by this chapter, including any necessary administrative expenditures consistent with its powers.

- (e) May indemnify and purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of members of the board against any personal liability or accountability.
- (f) Shall expend funds only as authorized pursuant to the provisions of this section.
- (g) Shall receive and review reports and financial documentation provided by the slot machine licensee to ensure compliance with the provisions of this chapter.
- (h) Shall prepare an annual report as prescribed in subsection (10).
- (6) PERFORMANCE RULES.--The division shall adopt performance rules to govern activities of the slot machine licensee pursuant to this chapter.
- (a) The performance rules, at a minimum, must contain
  provisions:
- 1. Specifying the procedures and schedules that govern the slot machine licensee's activities under this section and specifying the conditions or deliverables that the slot machine licensee must satisfy in order to continue conducting such activities.
- 2. Requiring the slot machine licensee to submit to the board a business plan in a form and manner prescribed by rule.
- 972 <u>3. Prohibiting the slot machine licensee from establishing</u> 973 other gambling activities in this state.

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4. Governing the ownership of or security interests in real property and personal property, including, but not limited to, slot machine equipment, including:

- a. Requiring that the slot machine licensee must purchase the slot machine equipment.
- b. Requiring that, in the event the slot machine licensee ceases operations in this state, the slot machine licensee's slot machine equipment shall be subject to immediate confiscation.
- 5. Requiring the slot machine licensee to maintain a policy of awarding preference in employment solely to residents of this state, as defined by law.
- 6. Requiring the slot machine licensee to maintain a policy of making purchases from vendors in this state.
- 7. Requiring the slot machine licensee to use the Internet based job-listing system of the Agency for Workforce Innovation in advertising employment opportunities. Further, each slot machine licensee in its gaming operations shall create equal employment opportunities which shall be implemented in a nondiscriminatory manner in hiring and promoting employees to achieve the full and fair participation of women, Asians, blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, persons with disabilities, and other protected groups within the city where the pari-mutuel facility is located, and an action plan and programs shall be implemented by each pari-mutuel facility designed to ensure that the percentage of the minority population in which each pari-mutuel facility is located is considered to the extent minority applications are submitted in equal proportion to the number of

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jobs open for hiring at entry level, managerial, supervisory, and any other positions, unless there is a bona fide occupational qualification requiring a distinct and unique employment expertise which a minority applicant does not possess.

- 8. Requiring the slot machine licensee to submit data on activities and performance during each fiscal year and to provide to the board an annual accounting of its revenues, expenditures, and profits under this section.
- 9. Requiring the slot machine licensee to purchase liability insurance and governing the coverage level of such insurance.
- 10. Requiring random programming, periodic testing, and payout of slot machines operated by the slot machine licensee.
- 11. Requiring that the slot machine licensee must provide for separate accounts for any funds in furtherance of this section and separate books and records relating to its slot machine operation.
- (b) The division shall provide a copy of the proposed rules to the board and allow sufficient time for review and response by the board.
- (c) The division shall not renew the slot machine license if the slot machine licensee has failed to operate in a manner that demonstrates a commitment to ameliorate public detriment to the health, safety, welfare, and morals of the citizens and the community by virtue of the nature and severity of sanctions imposed by the division for violations of this chapter.

(7) QUALIFICATION PERFORMANCE RULES.--The division shall adopt qualification performance rules. The board shall consider whether the data, measures, and information required to be submitted by the slot machine licensee and contained in the report required in subsection (10), when considered as a whole, demonstrate that the net benefits of the slot machine licensee's operations exceed the net harm of such operations.

- (a) The qualification performance rules, at a minimum, must contain provisions:
- 1. Requiring the slot machine licensee to be an equal opportunity employer.
- 2. Requiring the slot machine licensee to hold the state and local government harmless for all negative social, economic development, and growth management impacts arising from its gambling activities.
- 3. Establishing that the board shall review the activities of the slot machine licensee to assess the slot machine licensee's financial and operational compliance with the provisions of the rules of the division and with other relevant provisions of law.
- 4. Prohibiting conflicts of interest between the slot machine licensee and any gaming equipment manufacturer.
- 5. Requiring slot machine licensees during the first 5
  years of the slot machine operations to keep their promise to
  create a net 18,000 jobs at an average annual salary of \$39,000.
- 6. Requiring slot machine licensees to keep their collective promise to provide no less than \$500 million per year for public educational programs.

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7. Requiring the slot machine licensee to agree that no funds derived from gambling proceeds may be used for the purpose of lobbying any branch or agency of state government or any political subdivision of the state.

- 8. Requiring the slot machine licensee to annually demonstrate that the slot machine licensee has fully preserved or enhanced the quality and quantity of its preslot machine enterprise.
- 9. Requiring that no later than July 1, 2006, after commencement of its slot machine operations, the slot machine licensee shall be responsible for increased costs of social services, medical emergency services, traffic impacts, and business and tourism losses directly related to the slot machine licensee's slot machine operations.
- (b) The division shall provide a copy of the proposed rules to the board and allow sufficient time for review and response by the board.
- (8) PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS; RULES. -- In addition to the provisions prescribed in subsections (6) and (7), the rules of the division shall include a requirement that the slot machine licensee report to the board on performance expectations that reflect the determination of the Legislature and the Governor that the benefits accruing to this state as a net result of the slot machine licensee's slot machine operations exceed the net harm of such operations.
- (a) Performance expectations reporting shall include, but
  is not limited to, performance expectations addressing:

1084 <u>1. The exact net number and dollar value of all jobs</u>
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- 2. The percentage of tax proceeds and dollar value:
- a. Returned to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund for educational choice initiatives; and
- b. Returned to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.
- 3. The measures taken by the slot machine licensee to prevent, control, and treat gambling addiction.
- 4. The measures taken by the slot machine licensee to ameliorate public detriment to the health, safety, welfare, and morals of the citizens and the community.
- 5. The adoption by the slot machine licensee of a strict three-strike policy for the premises with respect to felonies, moral turpitude misdemeanors, or findings by a court or the division that the slot machine licensee has or is maintaining a nuisance.
- 6. The net amount of profits, payments, earnings, and expenditures retained in the state versus the amount outside the state.
- 7. The continued operation and quality of operation of the slot machine licensee's preslot machine enterprise.
- 8. The total net amount of revenues generated for state government from all tax and fee sources related to the slot machine licensee's slot machine operation.
- 9. The net contribution to tourism on a statewide basis, considering both gains in the gambling vicinities of South Florida and losses in other parts of the state.

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10.a. The number and value of new or expanded businesses generated in the vicinity as a result of the slot machine licensee's slot machine operations and a description of each such business.

- b. The number and value of business losses attributable to the slot machine licensee's slot machine operations and a description of each such business.
- 11. A detailed summary from each local law enforcement agency of felonies and moral turpitude misdemeanors committed in the vicinity as compared with prior years.
- 12. A detailed summary from each social services agency in the vicinity itemizing requests for social services as compared with prior years.
- 13. A detailed summary from the clerks of court of residents of the state filing for personal bankruptcy.
- 14. A detailed summary from the Department of Highway
  Safety and Motor Vehicles of area traffic impacts, including
  Interstate highway exit and entrance ramps.
- 15. A detailed summary from local emergency management agencies of increased impact on the use of ambulances and paramedics.
- 16. A detailed summary of all lobbying activities conducted by or on behalf of the slot machine licensee, including the amount and source of funds expended.
- (b) The division shall provide a copy of the proposed rules to the board and allow sufficient time for review and response by the board.

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(9) PROGRESS REPORT.--The rules adopted pursuant to subsections (6), (7), and (8) shall require the slot machine licensee to provide information to the board on the progress in meeting the performance expectations on an annual basis.

- (10) ANNUAL REPORT. -- By December 1 of each year, the board shall prepare a report of the activities and outcomes under this section for the preceding fiscal year. The report, at a minimum, must include:
- (a) A description of the activities of the board and slot machine licensees.
- (b) An accounting of the slot machine operations-related proceeds inuring to the state during the preceding fiscal year from each of the slot machine licensees.
- (c) An accounting of slot machine operations-related expenditures by each of the slot machine licensees during the fiscal year.
- (d) Information on the number and salary level of jobs created by each of the slot machine licensees, including the number and salary level of jobs created for residents of this state.
- (e) Information on the amount and nature of economic activity generated through the slot machine operations-related activities of each of the slot machine licensees.
- (f) An assessment of factors affecting the progress toward achieving the promises made to the voters associated with each of the slot machine licensee's slot machine operations.
- (g) A compliance and financial audit of the accounts and records of the board at the end of the preceding fiscal year

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1167 conducted by an independent certified public accountant in 1168 accordance with rules of the Auditor General.

- (h) A description of the status of the performance expectations and the conditions for continuing slot machine operations.
- The board shall submit the report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
  - (11) PROGRAM EVALUATION. --

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- (a) Before January 1, 2010, the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall conduct a performance audit of the board and the division relating to the provisions of this chapter. The audit shall assess the implementation and outcomes of activities under this chapter. At a minimum, the audit shall address:
- 1. Performance of the slot machine licensees in operating slot machine gaming and complying with the rules under this chapter.
- 2. Performance of the board in overseeing operations of the slot machine licensees under this chapter.
- 3. Compliance by the board with the provisions of this section and the provisions of the rules.
- Economic activity generated through slot machine operations by the slot machine licensees.
- (b) Before January 1, 2013, the Office of Program Policy 1192 Analysis and Government Accountability shall update the report 1193 required under this subsection. In addition to addressing the items prescribed in paragraph (a), the updated report shall

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include a recommendation on whether the Legislature should place before the voters of the state a constitutional amendment repealing authority for the slot machine operations by the slot machine licensees based upon failure, after adequate time, to keep the promises made to the voters to obtain initial approval for such operations and to fulfill the net benefits exceeding net losses expectations of the Governor and Legislature as specified in this section.

- (c) A report of each audit's findings and recommendations shall be submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
  - 551.33 Law enforcement affidavits.--

- (1) The chief law enforcement officer of any county or municipality where a slot machine licensee is authorized to conduct slot machine gaming at a pari-mutuel facility and the chief law enforcement officer of any municipality contiguous to a municipality where such slot machine licensee is authorized to conduct slot machine gaming shall execute at least once annually an affidavit verifying, based upon information or belief, whether the applicable local budgeting authority has provided sufficient funding to adequately address additional law enforcement responsibilities directly or indirectly resulting from the slot machine gaming operations.
- (2) The affidavit shall be transmitted to the board for its use in making a determination whether a slot machine licensee remains qualified for annual license renewal and the board shall consider such affidavit in making its findings and recommendations as to whether the operations of the slot machine

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licensee are a positive contribution to the public economic and social health, safety, and welfare.

551.34 Local government resolutions. --

- (1) The board of county commissioners and the governing body of a municipality where a slot machine licensee is authorized to conduct slot machine gaming and any municipality contiguous to the municipality where such slot machine licensee is authorized to conduct slot machine gaming must adopt a resolution at least once annually that expresses, at a minimum, whether slot machine gaming is being operated in a manner that demonstrates a commitment to ameliorate detriment to the public economic and social health, safety, and welfare of the community governed by the applicable body.
- (2) The governing body of any municipality that is not required to adopt a resolution pursuant to subsection (1) may adopt a resolution addressing slot machine gaming impacts on the local community. The resolution should contain a recitation of those factual circumstances which support a conclusion that the operations of the slot machine licensee have a substantial effect on the public economic and social health, safety, and welfare of the municipality.
- (3) The resolution shall be transmitted to the board. The board shall accord great weight to such resolution in making its findings and recommendations as to whether the operations of the slot machine licensee are a positive contribution to the public economic and social health, safety, and welfare.
  - 551.341 Tourist development council resolutions.--

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(1) Any tourist development council, organized under the provisions of part I of chapter 125, or the board of county commissioners if there is no tourist development council in that county, must adopt a resolution at least once annually that expresses, at a minimum, whether slot machine gaming is being operated in a manner that demonstrates a commitment to the growth and expansion of tourism in this state and a commitment to ameliorate detriment to communities that are current tourist destinations but do not have slot machine gaming being conducted at pari-mutuel facilities within their jurisdiction.

- (2) The resolution should contain a recitation of those factual circumstances which support a conclusion that the operations of slot machine licensees have a substantial positive or negative effect on the expansion and growth of tourism within their jurisdiction. Tourism impacts shall be supported, as a part of the resolution, by statistical data and other practical collateral impacts and evidence on local tourism activity.
- (3) The resolution shall be transmitted to the board. The board shall accord great weight to such resolution in making its findings and recommendations as to whether the operations of the slot machine licensee are a positive contribution to the public economic and social health, safety, and welfare.

## 551.35 Referenda.--

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each municipality and county in which a slot machine facility is located and each adjacent municipality and county may call a referendum to give the voters an opportunity to declare the slot

machine operation an undue burden on the community, and shall call such referendum upon:

- (a) Petition signed by the lesser of 1,000 electors or 5 percent of the electors residing within the municipality; or
- (b) Petition signed by the lesser of 5,000 electors or 10 percent of the electors residing within the county.
- (2) When a referendum is called as a result of a sufficient number of petitions having been signed by the electors of a county or municipality, the county supervisor of elections shall conduct such referendum on the day of any state, county, or municipal primary or general election or on the day of any election of such county or municipality that is being held for any purpose other than for the purpose of declaring whether the operation of slot machines is an undue burden. The question on the ballot shall be:

SHOULD THE OPERATION OF SLOT MACHINES IN [OR ADJACENT TO THIS [COUNTY] [MUNICIPALITY] BE DECLARED AN UNDUE BURDEN?

- (3) The results shall be immediately certified to the board which shall accord great weight to such results in making its findings and recommendations as to whether the operations of the slot machine licensee are a positive contribution to the public economic and social health, safety, and welfare. Once the question on the ballot has been placed before the electors of a county or municipality, the question shall not be presented in another referendum in that county for at least 2 years.
- 551.40 Compulsive gambling program. -- The Mental Health
  Program Office within the Department of Children and Family
  Services in conjunction with the Department of Education shall

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establish a program for public education, awareness, and training regarding problem and compulsive gambling and the treatment and prevention of problem and compulsive gambling. The program shall include:

- (1) Maintenance of a compulsive gambling advocacy organization's toll free, problem-gambling telephone number to provide crisis counseling and referral services to families experiencing difficulty as a result of problem or compulsive gambling.
- (2) The promotion of public awareness regarding the recognition and prevention of problem or compulsive gambling.
- (3) Facilitation, through in-service training and other means, of the availability of effective assistance programs for problem and compulsive gamblers and family members affected by problem or compulsive gambling.
- (4) Studies to identify adults and juveniles in this state who are, or are at risk of becoming, problem or compulsive gamblers.
- Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.