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An act relating to pari-mutuel wagering; 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; amending s. 550.5251, F.S.; revising licensing and permit requirements relating to required operating days for certain thoroughbred racing permitholders; revising timeframe for application of certain requirements; deleting requirement that certain thoroughbred permitholders operate the full number of days; providing for validity of certain permits; creating chapter 551, F.S.; implementing s. 23, Art. X of the State Constitution; authorizing slot machines and slot machine gaming within certain pari-mutuel 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 legislative intent; providing powers and duties of the division; providing for construction of such provisions; directing the division to adopt rules necessary to implement, administer, and regulate slot machine gaming; requiring such rules to include application procedures, certain technical

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requirements, procedures relating to revenue, certain regulation and management and auditing procedures, certain bond requirements, and requirements for record maintenance, and payouts; providing for investigations by the division, the Department of Law Enforcement, and local law enforcement; providing for the investigation of violations in conjunction with other agencies; providing specified law enforcement powers to the division; providing for access to slot machine licensee facilities by the division, the Department of Law Enforcement, or local law enforcement; authorizing the division, the Department of Law Enforcement, or local law enforcement to make certain inspections and examinations; authorizing the division to collect certain monies 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; authorizing the division to adopt emergency rules for the regulation of slot machine gaming; providing for licensure to conduct slot machine gaming; prohibiting the division from accepting applications or issuing slot machine licenses prior to adoption of rules; 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 parimutuel permit and license, conducting a certain number of

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live races or games, allowing access by the division, and submission of security plans; requiring prior approval by the division of certain changes in ownership of slot machine licenses; requiring notice to the division of certain changes in ownership; requiring permitholders to submit certain information and certification relating to games to the division and the Department of Law Enforcement; requiring review and approval of games by division; requiring a slot machine licensee to submit internal control procedures to the division for review and approval; authorizing the amendment of a pari-mutuel license within a specified time; providing for a reduction in the required number of live races or games under certain circumstances; prohibiting transfer of a license; providing a limit on the number of slot machines at a facility; requiring slot machine licensees to maintain certain reports for submission to the division; providing for an audit by an independent certified public accountant of the receipt and distribution of slot machine revenues; providing for annual renewal of the license; providing for a renewal application and procedures for approval; requiring corporate slot machine licensees to apply for and be issued a certificate of status; specifying the payment of state and local taxes as a condition for a slot machine license; requiring certification by the Department of Revenue of the payment of certain state and local taxes by a slot machine licensee; directing the division to revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew the license for

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failure to pay such taxes; requiring the slot machine licensee pay to the division an initial and 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; providing for a tax on slot machine revenues to be deposited into the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund; requiring that slot machine taxes shall be used to supplement and not supplant public education dollars; requiring tax proceeds be first used to fund a grant program for laptop computers for certain students; directing the State Board of Education to adopt rules to implement such program; 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; requiring occupational licensees to display identification cards under certain circumstances; 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 slot machine licensee to pay licensure fees of general occupational licensees; providing for reciprocal disciplinary actions with other jurisdictions;

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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; requiring licensees to provide equipment for electronic submission of fingerprints; authorizing the retention of fingerprints for the purposes of entering fingerprints into the statewide automated fingerprint identification system by a certain date; requiring licensees to inform the division of conviction of disqualifying criminal offenses; requiring certain racetracks and frontons to pay an annual fee; authorizing the Department of Law Enforcement to adopt rules relating to fingerprinting costs and procedures; requiring periodic additional criminal history checks for purposes of screening following issuance of a license; 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 division employees and occupational licensees and certain of their relatives from wagering on slot machines at certain facilities; prohibiting contracts that provide for revenue sharing between a manufacturer or distributor and slot machine licensees; prohibiting ownership or financial interests in slot machine licensees by certain manufacturers or distributors; prohibiting certain false statements, exclusion of revenue for certain purposes,

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cheating, and theft of proceeds; providing penalties; providing for arrest and recovery; limiting liability for arrest and detention; providing penalties for resisting recovery efforts; authorizing manufacture, sale, distribution, possession, and operation of slot machines under certain circumstances; authorizing the division to exclude any person from licensed facilities under certain circumstances; directing the division to require certain signage in designated gaming areas and require certain equipment or facilities relating to races or games within the gaming area; requiring permitholder to provide office space; prohibiting a licensee and employees and agents of the licensee from allowing a person under a certain age to operate slot machines or to have access to the gaming area; prohibiting complimentary alcoholic beverages, loans or credit, acceptance or cashing of third-party checks, and automatic teller machines; authorizing the suspension of play of slot machines by the division or the Department of Law Enforcement for suspicion of tampering or manipulation; limiting linkage of operating systems; prohibiting certain player enticements; providing for the hours of operation of slot machines; providing that the slot machine licensee is eliqible for a caterer license under specified provisions; requiring the slot machine licensee maintain certain purchasing and hiring policies, use a certain job listing service provided by the Agency for Workforce Innovation, and implement certain equal employment opportunities; providing penalties for certain

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violations by a licensee; providing for deposit of fines collected; creating the State Slot Machine Gaming Board within the division; providing that the board is not a state entity; providing for public meetings and records of the board; providing for offices and personnel of the board; requiring the board comply with specified ethics provisions; providing for expenditures of state funds derived from regulatory fees; requiring the division provide administrative support for the board; providing purpose of the board; providing for membership of the board; providing for appointment and confirmation and terms of members; requiring financial disclosure; prohibiting interests in any slot machine licensee or the gambling industry; providing that members are state officers for specified purposes; authorizing per diem and travel expenses; providing for removal of members; providing for organization and meetings of the board; providing powers and duties of the board; authorizing the board to receive certain information and testimony; providing for evaluations, recommendations, and reports; directing the division to provide the board with certain proposed rules for review and response; requiring the board to prepare an annual report to be submitted to the Governor and Legislature; providing for content of the report; directing the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct an annual performance audit of the board, the division, and slot machine licensees; providing for content of the audit;

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directing that office to submit the audit's findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature; requiring the chief law enforcement officer of certain counties and municipalities to annually execute and transmit to the board an affidavit relating to certain funding; requiring the governing body of certain counties and municipalities and tourist development councils to annually adopt and transmit to the board a resolution relating to the operations of slot machine gaming; authorizing other governing bodies to transmit such a resolution to the board; authorizing the division to contract for a compulsive gambling treatment and prevention program; amending s. 849.15, F.S.; providing for transportation of certain gaming devices in accordance with federal law; amending s. 895.02, F.S.; providing that specified violations related to slot machine gaming constitute racketeering activity; providing that certain debt incurred in violation of specified provisions relating to slot machine gaming constitutes unlawful debt; preempting slot machine regulation to the state; providing for referenda deauthorizing slot machine operations as an undue burden; authorizing referenda declaring slot machine operations an undue burden; requiring a petition for a referendum; providing for ratification of tribal-state compacts by the Legislature; directing the Department of Transportation to conduct a study on the access roads to pari-mutuel facilities and Indian reservation lands where gaming activities occur; providing for content of the

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study; requiring a report to the Governor and the
Legislature; providing appropriations for the Department
of Business and Professional Regulation, the Department of
Law Enforcement, and the Office of the State Attorney to
carry out the provisions of the act; providing an
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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:
- 238 20.165 Department of Business and Professional
 239 Regulation.--There is created a Department of Business and
 240 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.
 - 2. The offices of the division shall be located in Gainesville.
- 251 (d) Division of Florida Land Sales, Condominiums, and 252 Mobile Homes.

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- (e) Division of Hotels and Restaurants.
 - (f) Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering.
 - (g) Division of Professions.
 - (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.
 - Section 3. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section 550.5251, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 267 550.5251 Florida thoroughbred racing; certain permits;
- 268 operating days.--

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- (1) Each thoroughbred permitholder under whose permit thoroughbred racing was conducted in this state at any time between January 1, 1987, and January 1, 2005 1988, shall
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- annually be entitled to apply for and annually receive
- thoroughbred racing days and dates as set forth in this section.
- 274 As regards such permitholders, the annual thoroughbred racing
- season shall be from June 1 of any year through May 31 of the
- following year and shall be known as the "Florida Thoroughbred
- 277 Racing Season."
- (2) Each permitholder referred to in subsection (1) shall annually, during the period commencing December 15 of each year
- and ending January 4 of the following year, file in writing with

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the division its application to conduct one or more thoroughbred racing meetings during the thoroughbred racing season commencing on the following June 1. Each application shall specify the number and dates of all performances that the permitholder intends to conduct during that thoroughbred racing season. On or before February 15 of each year, the division shall issue a license authorizing each permitholder to conduct performances on the dates specified in its application. Up to March 31 of each year, each permitholder may request and shall be granted changes in its authorized performances; but thereafter, as a condition precedent to the validity of its license and its right to retain its permit, each permitholder must operate the full number of days authorized on each of the dates set forth in its license.

(3) Each thoroughbred permit referred to in subsection (1), including, but not limited to, any permit originally issued as a summer thoroughbred horse racing permit, is hereby validated and shall continue in full force and effect, irrespective of any action that the division may take or may have heretofore taken against the permit.

Section 4. Chapter 551, Florida Statutes, consisting of sections 551.101, 551.103, 551.105, 551.107, 551.1073, 551.1075 551.108, 551.1091, 551.1111, 551.1113, 551.1115, 551.1119, 551.121, 551.125, 551.20, 551.202, 551.204, 551.25, 551.30, 551.33, 551.34, 551.341, and 551.40, is created to read:

CHAPTER 551

SLOT MACHINES

551.101 Slot machine gaming authorized.--Any existing, licensed pari-mutuel facility located in Miami-Dade County or

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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 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 slot machines and conduct slot machine gaming.

- 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) "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

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electronic or electromechanical format broadens participation by allowing multiple players to play with or against each other rather than with or against a machine.

- (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) "Slot machine" means a mechanical, electronic, computerized gaming device that is a technological aid to the playing of the game of bingo and 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 operation, financial data, and program

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information, as required by the division. A slot machine may be activated by insertion of a coin, bill, ticket, token, or similar object or upon payment of any consideration whatsoever, including the use of any electronic payment system except a credit card or debit card and may entitle the person playing or operating the machine to receive or may deliver to the person cash, billets, tickets, tokens, or electronic credits to be exchanged for cash. A slot machine is not a "coin-operated amusement machine" as defined in s. 212.02(24), and slot machines are not subject to the tax imposed by s. 212.05(1)(h). It is the intent of the Legislature to authorize only those mechanical, computerized, electronic or other technological aids that a federal agency or a court in a final, nonappealable order has concluded expressly meet the definition of a mechanical, computerized, electronic, or other technological aid to Class II gaming pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 2703, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. The Legislature does not intend to authorize any other gaming device.

- (8) "Slot machine licensee" means a pari-mutuel 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.

551.105 Division of Slot Machines; 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 system that shall allow the division and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to audit the operation, financial data, and program information of a slot machine licensee, as required by the division or the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and shall provide the division and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement with the ability to monitor on a real-time basis at any time wagering patterns, payouts, tax collection, and compliance with any rules adopted by the division for the regulation and control of slot machines operated under this section. Such continuous and complete access on a real-time basis at any time shall include the ability to immediately suspend slot machine operations if monitoring of the computer operating system indicates possible

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tampering or manipulation of slot machines or of the computer operating system itself.

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- 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 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, but in no case shall the bond be less than \$2 million. 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 85 percent or more than 93 percent per
facility.

(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, the Department of Law Enforcement, and local law enforcement agencies shall have concurrent jurisdiction to investigate criminal violations of this chapter and may investigate 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. The division and its employees and agents shall have such other law enforcement powers as specified in ss. 943.04 and 943.10.
- (4) (a) The division, the Department of Law Enforcement, and local law enforcement agencies 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, the Department of Law Enforcement, and local law enforcement agencies:
- 1. May inspect and examine premises where slot machines are offered for play.
- 2. May inspect slot machines and related equipment and supplies.
 - (b) In addition, the division:
- 1. May collect taxes, assessments, fees, and penalties.

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2. 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.

- (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.
 - (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed to:
- (a) Prohibit the Department of Law Enforcement or any law enforcement authority whose jurisdiction includes a slot machine licensee facility from conducting criminal investigations occurring on the facilities of the slot machine licensee;
- (b) Restrict access to the slot machine licensee facility
 by the Department of Law Enforcement or any local law
 enforcement authority whose jurisdiction includes the slot
 machine licensee facility; or
- (c) Restrict access to information and records necessary to the investigation of criminal activity that is contained within the slot machine licensee facility by the Department of Law Enforcement or local law enforcement authorities.
- (7) The division may, at any time after the issuance of a license pursuant to s. 551.107, adopt emergency rules pursuant to s. 120.54. The Legislature finds that such emergency rulemaking power is necessary for the preservation of the rights and welfare of the people in order to provide additional funds to benefit the public. The Legislature further finds that the unique nature of legalized gambling requires, from time to time, that the division respond as quickly as is practicable to

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changes in the marketplace and changes in technology that may affect legalized gambling conducted at pari-mutuel facilities in this state. Therefore, in adopting such emergency rules, the division need not make the findings required by s. 120.54(4)(a). Emergency rules adopted to implement the provisions of this chapter are exempt from s. 120.54(4)(c) and shall remain in effect until replaced by other emergency rules or by rules adopted under nonemergency rulemaking procedures of chapter 120.

551.107 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. The division shall not be authorized to accept an application or issue a license to operate slot machine gaming at a pari-mutuel wagering facility until such time as all rules mandated by this chapter for slot machine operations have been filed for adoption with the Secretary of State.
- (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.

(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.

 Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law and in order to expedite the operation of slot machines at eligible facilities, any eligible facility shall be entitled within 60 days after the effective date of this act to amend its 2005-2006 license issued by the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering and shall be granted the requested changes in its authorized performances pursuant to such amendment. The Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering shall issue a new license to the eligible facility to effectuate an amendment.
- (c) Conduct not less than a full schedule of live races or games as defined in s. 550.002(11). However, when a permitholder fails to conduct such number of live races or games, that number of live races or games shall be reduced by the number of races or games which could not be conducted due to the direct result of fire, war, or other disaster or event beyond the ability of the permitholder to control.

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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. Changes in ownership or interest of a slot machine gaming license of 5 percent or more of the stock or other evidence of ownership or equity in the slot machine license or any parent corporation or other business entity that in any way owns or controls the slot machine license shall be approved by the division prior to such change, unless the owner is an existing holder of that license who was previously approved by the division. Changes in ownership or interest of a slot machine license of less than 5 percent shall be reported to the division within 20 days after the change. The division may then conduct an investigation to ensure that the license is properly updated to show the change in ownership or interest.

- (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 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.

description, including, but not limited to, any operating system software, access to the source codes for each game and slot machine it will offer for play at its slot machine facility, and certification by an independent testing laboratory that the games, slot machines, and computer operating system conform to the requirements of this chapter. Such descriptions shall also be made available to the Department of Law Enforcement. The division shall review and approve each game and machine for compliance with this chapter and rules regulating games and slot machines prior to approval of the game and machine. A slot machine licensee shall not operate any game or machine prior to its approval for use in its facility by the division.

- (h) Provide the division with a complete copy of internal control procedures adopted by the licensee for its slot machine operations. The division shall review and approve such internal control procedures for compliance with rules adopted to ensure patron safety, payout procedures, and security of tax revenues to be paid to the state. Rules regarding requirements for the internal control procedures shall include, but not be limited to, audit and tax collection procedures, security procedures for the collection of money for vouchers issued for slot machines, and security and public safety procedures.
 - (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.

(7) A slot machine licensee shall keep and maintain permanent daily records of its slot machine operation and shall maintain such records for a period of not less than 5 years.

These records shall include all financial transactions and contain sufficient detail to determine compliance with the requirements of this section. All records shall be available for audit and inspection by the division, the Department of Law Enforcement, or other law enforcement agencies during the licensee's regular business hours. The information required in such records shall be determined by division rule.

- (8) A slot machine licensee shall file with the division a report containing the required records of such slot machine operation. A slot machine licensee shall file such report monthly. The required reports shall be submitted on forms prescribed by the division and shall be due at the same time as the monthly pari-mutuel reports are due to the Division of Parimutuel Wagering, and the reports shall be deemed public records once filed.
- (9) A slot machine licensee shall file with the division an audit of the receipt and distribution of all slot machine revenues provided by an independent certified public accountant verifying compliance with all statutes and regulations imposed by this chapter and the rules promulgated hereunder. The audit shall include verification of compliance with all statutes and regulations regarding all required records of slot machine operations. Such audit shall be filed within 60 days after the completion of the permitholder's pari-mutuel meet.

(10) The division may share any information with the Department of Law Enforcement or any other law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over slot machine gaming or parimutuel activities. Any law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over slot machine gaming or pari-mutuel activities may share any information obtained or developed by it with the division.

551.1073 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 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.
- 551.1075 Payment of taxes; determination and certification of payment of state and local taxes.--
- (1) Any domestic or foreign corporation holding a slot machine license must have applied for and been issued a certificate of status by the Department of State evidencing

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conclusively that the corporation is in existence and authorized to do business in this state.

- (2) As a condition for license renewal and for continuation of a license in good standing, the division may determine whether the slot machine licensee has failed to pay all taxes due to the division as a result of the licensee's pari-mutuel and slot machine gaming operations. If the division determines that the slot machine licensee is delinquent in the payment of any such tax, it shall revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew the license of the slot machine licensee.
- On or before July 31 of each fiscal year, the

 Department of Revenue shall certify to the Governor that a

 corporation or other business entity or an individual holding a

 slot machine license is current and in good standing in regard

 to the payment of all state or local taxes due and payable to

 the Department of Revenue or to an applicable local jurisdiction

 for the prior fiscal year. If the Department of Revenue does not

 certify that a licensee is current and in good standing, the

 division shall revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew the license

 of a slot machine licensee.
 - 551.108 License fee; tax rate.--
 - (1) LICENSE FEE.--

(a) Upon approval of the application for a slot machine license, the licensee must pay to the division a license fee of \$4 million. The license fee shall be paid annually upon renewal of the slot machine license and shall be deposited into the Slot Machine Administrative Trust Fund in the Department of Business

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and Professional Regulation for the regulation of slot machine gaming under this chapter.

- (b) Prior to January 1, 2006, the division shall evaluate the license fee and, in consultation with the board, shall make recommendations to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The recommendations shall focus on the optimum level of slot machine license fees or a combination of fees in order to properly support the slot machine regulatory program.
 - (2) TAX ON SLOT MACHINE REVENUES. --

- (a) The tax rate on slot machine revenues at each facility shall be 55 percent.
- (b) The facility shall collect and transmit the tax to the department on a daily basis for deposit into the Slot Machine

 Administrative Trust Fund in the Department of Business and Professional Regulation for immediate transfer to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund in the Department of Education. Any interest earnings on the tax revenues shall also be transferred to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund.
- (c) Any expenditures of slot machine taxes shall be used to supplement and not supplant public education dollars. Tax proceeds shall be used first to fund the Laptops for Achievers grant program, which shall be administered by the Department of Education. All school districts are eligible to submit grant applications to participate in the program, in a format to be determined by the department. Each district's grant program shall provide for the laptops to be made available to every

public school seventh grade student, including charter school
students, and shall require:

- 1. Integrated use of the laptops with curriculum design, instructional planning, training, and delivery, and communication with parents;
- 2. School site wiring and appropriate technology infrastructure needs;

- 3. Assignment of a laptop computer on loan to each student entering seventh grade for use through grade 12;
- 4. A contract with each student stipulating that if the student earns a passing score on the grade 10 FCAT, as required by ss. 1003.43(5) and 1003.429, the loaned laptop will be upgraded and given to the student to keep as a reward for the student's achievement.

The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to implement the Laptops for Achievers program.

- (3) 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.
- (4) 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

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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 refuse to renew the license of the slot machine licensee.

- (5) FAILURE TO PAY TAX; GROUNDS TO SUSPEND, REVOKE, OR REFUSE TO RENEW THE LICENSE.--In addition to the penalties imposed under subsection (4), 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 refuse to renew the license of the slot machine licensee.
- (6) 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.

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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 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

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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. All slot machine occupational licensees, while present in the slot machine gaming area, shall be required to display on their persons their occupational license identification cards.

- (4) (a) A person seeking a slot machine occupational license, or renewal thereof, shall make application on forms 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

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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 licensee 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.

- (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:
- (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

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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 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. All persons associated with, having a direct or indirect ownership interest in, or employed by or working within a licensed premise, excluding division employees and law enforcement officers assigned by their employing agencies to work within the premises as part of their official duties, are required to not be convicted of any disqualifying criminal

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offenses as established by division rule. To facilitate the required review of criminal history information, each person listed here is required to submit fingerprints to the division. The division shall forward the fingerprints to the Department of Law Enforcement for state processing. The Department of Law Enforcement shall forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for national processing.

- (a) Fingerprints shall be taken in a manner approved by the division and shall be submitted electronically to the Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a criminal records check upon initial taking, or as required thereafter by rule of the division, and every 5 years thereafter. Licensees are required to provide necessary equipment approved by the Department of Law Enforcement to facilitate such electronic submission. The division may by rule require annual criminal history record checks of all persons required to submit to the fingerprint-based criminal records check. The division requirements under this subsection shall be instituted in consultation with the Department of Law Enforcement.
- (b) The cost of processing fingerprints and conducting a records check shall be borne by the licensee or the person being checked. The Department of Law Enforcement may invoice the division for the fingerprints submitted each month.
- (c) Beginning February 1, 2006, all fingerprints submitted to the Department of Law Enforcement and required by this section shall be retained by the Department of Law Enforcement in a manner provided by rule of the Department of Law

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Enforcement and entered into the statewide automated fingerprint identification system as authorized by s. 943.05(2)(b). Such fingerprints shall thereafter be available for all purposes and uses authorized for arrest fingerprint cards entered into the statewide automated fingerprint identification system pursuant to s. 943.051.

- Beginning February 1, 2006, the Department of Law (d) Enforcement shall search all arrest fingerprints received under s. 943.051 against the fingerprints retained in the statewide automated fingerprint identification system under paragraph (c). Any arrest record that is identified with the retained fingerprints of a person subject to the criminal history screening requirements of this section shall be reported to the division. Each racetrack or fronton is required to participate in this search process by payment of an annual fee to the division which shall forward the payment to the Department of Law Enforcement. The division shall inform the Department of Law Enforcement of any change in the license status of licensees whose fingerprints are retained under subparagraph (c). The amount of the annual fee to be imposed upon each racetrack or fronton for performing these searches and the procedures for the retention of licensee fingerprints and the dissemination of search results shall be established by rule of the Department of Law Enforcement. The fee shall be borne by the person fingerprinted or the licensee.
- (e) Every 5 years following issuance of a license or upon conducting a criminal history check as required herein, each person who is so licensed or who was so checked must meet the

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944 screening requirements as established by the division rule, at 945 which time the division shall request the Department of Law 946 Enforcement to forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of 947 Investigation for a criminal records check. If, for any reason 948 following initial licensure or criminal history check, the 949 fingerprints of a person who is licensed or who was checked are 950 not retained by the Department of Law Enforcement as provided in 951 this section, the person must file a complete set of 952 fingerprints with the division. Upon submission of fingerprints 953 for this purpose, the division shall request the Department of 954 Law Enforcement to forward the fingerprints to the Federal 955 Bureau of Investigation for a criminal records check, and the fingerprints shall be retained by the Department of Law 956 957 Enforcement as authorized herein. The cost of the state and 958 national criminal history check required herein shall be borne 959 by the licensee or the person fingerprinted. Under penalty of 960 perjury, each person who is licensed or who is checked as 961 required by this section must agree to inform the division 962 within 48 hours if he or she is convicted of any disqualifying 963 offense while he or she is so licensed. 964 (8) All moneys collected pursuant to this section shall be

- (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.

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(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) No employee of the division or relative living in the same household of such employee of the division shall be allowed to wager at any time on a slot machine located at a facility licensed by the division.
- (3) No occupational licensee or relative living in the same household of such occupational licensee shall be allowed to wager at any time on a slot machine located at a facility where that person is employed.
- (4) A manufacturer or distributor of slot machines 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.
- (5) 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 False statements; skimming of slot machine proceeds; cheating; theft; arrest and recovery; penalties.--
- (1) Any person who intentionally makes or causes to be made or aids, assists, or procures another to make a false

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statement in any report, disclosure, application, or any other document required under this chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

- (2) 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 or any person who by trick or sleight of hand performance, or by a fraud or fraudulent scheme, or device, for himself or herself or for another, wins or attempts to win money or property or a combination thereof or reduces a losing wager or attempts to reduce a losing wager in connection with slot machine gaming commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or. 775.084.
- (a) Any law enforcement officer or slot machine operator who has probable cause to believe that a violation of this subsection has been committed by a person and that the officer or operator can recover the lost proceeds from such activity by taking the person into custody may, for the purpose of attempting to effect such recovery or for prosecution, take the person into custody on the premises and detain the person in a reasonable manner and for a reasonable period of time. If the operator takes the person into custody, a law enforcement officer shall be called to the scene immediately. The taking into custody and detention by a law enforcement officer or slot machine operator, if done in compliance with this subsection, does not render such law enforcement officer or slot machine

operator criminally or civilly liable for false arrest, false imprisonment, or unlawful detention.

- (b) Any law enforcement officer may arrest, either on or off the premises and without warrant, any person if there is probable cause to believe that person has violated this subsection.
- enforcement officer or slot machine operator to recover the lost slot machine proceeds that the law enforcement officer or slot machine operator had probable cause to believe had been stolen from the eligible facility, and who is subsequently found to be guilty of violating this subsection, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, unless such person did not know or did not have reason to know that the person seeking to recover the lost proceeds was a law enforcement officer or slot machine operator. For purposes of this section, the charge of theft and the charge of resisting apprehension may be tried concurrently.
- (d) Theft of any slot machine proceeds or of property belonging to the slot machine operator or eligible facility by an employee of the operator or facility or by an employee of a person, firm, or entity that has contracted to provide services to the establishment constitutes a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
- 551.1115 Slot machines; authorization.--Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no slot machine manufactured, sold, distributed, possessed, or operated

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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 state or who has been excluded from any facility of a slot 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

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and equipment sufficient to allow the observation of and wagering on live, intertrack, and simulcast races and games.

- (5) The permitholder shall provide adequate office space at no cost to the division and the Department of Law Enforcement for the oversight of slot machines operations. The division shall promulgate rules setting the criteria for adequate space, configuration, and location and needed electronic and technological requirements for office space required by this subsection.
 - 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 21 years of age to play any slot machine.
- (b) Allow a person who has not attained 21 years of age access to the designated slot machine gaming area of a facility of a slot machine licensee.
- (c) Allow a person who has not attained 21 years of age to be employed in any position allowing or requiring access to the 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 21 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 Prohibited activities and devices.--

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(1) No complimentary alcoholic beverages shall be served to patrons within the designated slot machine gaming areas.

- (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 licensee shall not allow any automated teller machine or similar device designed to provide credit or dispense cash to be located within 50 feet of a designated slot machine gaming area within the facilities of the slot machine licensee.
- (4) A slot machine licensee shall not accept or cash any third party, corporate, business, or government-issued check from any person.
- (5) Each slot machine approved for use in this state shall be protected against manipulation or tampering to affect the random probabilities of winning plays, and the centralized computer management system shall enable the division or the Department of Law Enforcement to suspend play upon suspicion of any manipulation or tampering. When play has been suspended on any slot machine, the division or the Department of Law Enforcement may examine any slot machine to determine whether the machine has been tampered with or manipulated and whether the machine should be returned to operation.
- (6) No slot machine or the computer operating system linking the slot machine shall be linked by any means to any other slot machine or computer operating system of another slot machine licensee.

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(7) No outcome of play or continuation of play may be manipulated, 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 Days and hours of operation.--Slot machine gaming areas may be open 365 days a year. The slot machine gaming areas may be open only from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. Sunday through Saturday.

551.202 Catering license.--A slot machine licensee is entitled to a caterer's license pursuant to s. 565.02 on days in which the pari-mutuel facility is open to the public for slot machine game play as authorized by this chapter.

551.204 Purchasing and employment by slot machine licensee.--

- (1) The slot machine licensee shall maintain a policy of making purchases from vendors in this state. Furthermore, the slot machine licensee shall create opportunities to purchase from minority vendors and shall implement the policy and purchasing opportunities in a nondiscriminatory manner.
- (2) The slot machine licensee shall maintain a policy of awarding preference in employment to residents of this state, as defined by law.

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The slot machine licensee shall 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 slot machine licensee designed to ensure that the percentage of the minority population in which the pari-mutuel facility is located is considered to the extent minority applications are submitted in equal proportion to the number of 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.

551.25 Penalties for violations by licensee.--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

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Administrative Trust Fund in the department. 1189 1190 State Slot Machine Gaming Board. --551.30 (1) 1191 CREATION. --1192 (a) There is created a board known as the State Slot Machine Gaming Board which shall be housed within the division. 1193 1194 The board is not a unit or entity of state government. 1195 However, the board is subject to the provisions of s. 24, Art. I 1196 of the State Constitution and chapter 119, relating to public 1197 meetings and records and the provisions of chapter 286 relating 1198 to public meetings and records. 1199 The principal office of the board shall be in (C) Tallahassee; however, the board may conduct meetings in any 1200 1201 county where slot machine gaming is authorized to be conducted. The board shall hire or contract for all staff 1202 1203 necessary for the proper execution of its powers and duties

- 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

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successor in interest and shall assume all rights, duties, and obligations of the board.

- (2) PURPOSE.--The board's purpose shall be to provide administrative advisory oversight to the division's regulation of slot machine gaming, monitor the impacts of slot machine gaming in the affected communities and the state as a whole, and ensure that the intent of s. 23, Art. X of the State

 Constitution is met as it relates to the expenditures of taxes on slot machines to supplement public education.
 - (3) MEMBERSHIP.--

- (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 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 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.

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(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 shall be deemed an appointed state officer for the purposes of s. 112.313.
- (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.
- gerformance of the duties of office, and each member owes a fiduciary duty to the people of the state to ensure that all activities are 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 guilty 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 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:

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(a) May perform all acts and things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly granted in this section.

- (b) May recommend to the division and the Legislature expenditures from regulatory funds provided by this chapter, including any necessary administrative expenditures consistent with its powers, and ways to supplement public education from taxes collected from slot machine gaming.
- (c) May receive and review reports and financial documentation provided by the slot machine licensee pursuant to this chapter to monitor compliance with the provisions of this chapter.
- (d) May receive testimony and information from law enforcement officials regarding the impact of slot machine gaming on criminal activity in and around slot machine facilities.
- (e) May receive testimony and information from local governments and tourist development councils regarding the impact of slot machine gaming on their communities and the tourism of their respective areas.
- (f) May make recommendations to the division and to the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability on the performance measures for the regulatory responsibilities set forth in this chapter.
- (g) May monitor criminal activity in and around the slot machine facilities in this state and recommend to the Legislature ways to curb such activity.

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(h) May receive testimony from education officials, education groups, and the public regarding the expenditures of taxes received from slot machine gaming and make recommendations to the Legislature on ways to spend these funds to supplement public education.

- (i) Shall prepare an annual report as prescribed herein.
- (j) Shall make recommendations to the division on reporting requirements on slot machine gaming facilities. The board shall recommend to the division the means, method, and timing of reporting, at a minimum, in the following areas:
- 1. The net number and dollar value of all jobs created, including the number of jobs held by Florida residents.
- 2. The total net amount of revenues generated for state government from all tax and fee sources related to the slot machine operation.
- 3. The measures taken by the slot machine licensee to prevent, control, and treat problem gambling.
- 4. The operational status and quality of operation of the slot machine licensee's preslot machine pari-mutuel enterprise.
- 5. Documentation of continuing capital reinvestment by the slot machine licensee for the economic benefit of the community.
- 6. Information relating to all complaints and charges of violations by a slot machine facility constituting a nuisance and the outcome of such charges.
- 7. 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.

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(6) REVIEW OF RULES.--The division shall provide a copy of any proposed rules to the board and allow sufficient time for review and response by the board. Emergency rules shall not be subject to this requirement.

- (7) 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 and a description of the substance of reports required for submission by the licensee to the board.
- (b) A description of the public testimony received by the board.
- (c) A description of any resolutions from county or municipal governments or tourist development councils or affidavits from law enforcement officials received by the board.
- (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 collected, if any, on the amount and nature of economic activity generated through the slot machine operations-related activities of each of the slot machine licensees.
- (f) A compliance and financial audit of the accounts and records of the board at the end of the preceding fiscal year conducted by the division.

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(g) A description of any recommendations made to the division or the Legislature by the board consistent with its grant of authority herein.

The board shall submit the report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

- (8) OFFICE OF PROGRAM POLICY ANALYSIS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY; PROGRAM EVALUATION. --
- (a) Before January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall conduct a performance audit of the board, the division, and slot machine licensees relating to the provisions of this chapter. The audit shall assess the implementation and outcomes of activities under this chapter. The audit shall include an evaluation of reports and financial documentation provided to the board under paragraphs (5)(c)-(e) by the slot machine licensee, law enforcement officials, local governments, and tourist development councils, and reports provided to the board under paragraph (5)(j) including documentation of continuing capital reinvestment by the slot machine licensee and information relating to violations by a slot machine facility constituting a nuisance. 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 under this chapter.
- 1406 <u>3. Compliance by the board with the provisions of this</u> 1407 <u>section and the provisions of the rules.</u>

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4. Economic activity generated through slot machine operations by the slot machine licensees.

- 5. The expenditure of slot machine taxes and whether these expenditures supplemented or supplanted public education dollars.
- (b) 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.
- 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. The affidavit shall be transmitted to the board.

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

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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. 551.341 Tourist development council resolutions.--
- (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

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1464 part of the resolution, by statistical data and other practical collateral impacts and evidence on local tourism activity. 1465 1466 The resolution shall be transmitted to the board. 1467 551.40 Compulsive gambling program. -- The division may 1468 contract for provision of services related to the prevention and treatment of compulsive and addictive gambling. The terms of any 1469 contract for the provision of such services shall include 1470 accountability standards that must be met by any private 1471 1472 provider. The failure of any private provider to meet any material terms of the contract, including the accountability 1473 1474 standards, shall constitute a breach of contract or grounds for 1475 nonrenewal. The division may consult with the Department of the 1476 Lottery in the development of the program and the development 1477 and analysis of any procurement for contractual services for its compulsive or addictive gambling treatment program. The 1478 1479 compulsive or addictive qambling treatment program shall be 1480 funded from the annual nonrefundable regulatory fee provided for 1481 in s. 551.108(1)(a). Section 5. Section 849.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to 1482 1483 read: 1484 849.15 Manufacture, sale, possession, etc., of coinoperated devices prohibited .--1485 1486 (1)It is unlawful: (a) (1) To manufacture, own, store, keep, possess, sell, 1487 rent, lease, let on shares, lend or give away, transport, or 1488 expose for sale or lease, or to offer to sell, rent, lease, let 1489 on shares, lend or give away, or permit the operation of, or for 1490 1491 any person to permit to be placed, maintained, or used or kept

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in any room, space, or building owned, leased or occupied by the person or under the person's management or control, any slot machine or device or any part thereof; or

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- (b)(2) To make or to permit to be made with any person any agreement with reference to any slot machine or device, pursuant to which the user thereof, as a result of any element of chance or other outcome unpredictable to him or her, may become entitled to receive any money, credit, allowance, or thing of value or additional chance or right to use such machine or device, or to receive any check, slug, token or memorandum entitling the holder to receive any money, credit, allowance or thing of value.
- Pursuant to section 2 of that certain chapter of the Congress of the United States entitled "An act to prohibit transportation of gaming devices in interstate and foreign commerce", approved January 2, 1951, being c. 1194, 64 Stat. 1134, and also designated as 15 U.S.C. 1171-1177, the State of Florida, acting by and through its duly elected and qualified members of its Legislature, does hereby in this section, and in accordance with and in compliance with the provisions of section 2 of such chapter of Congress, declare and proclaim that any county of the State of Florida, within which slot machine gaming is authorized pursuant to chapter 551 is exempt from the provisions of section 2 of that certain chapter of the Congress of the United States entitled "An act to prohibit transportation of gaming devices in interstate and foreign commerce", designated U.S.C. 1171-1177, approved January 2, 1951. All shipments of gaming devices, including slot machines, into any

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1520	county of this state within which slot machine gaming is
1521	authorized pursuant to chapter 551, the registering, recording,
1522	and labeling of which have been duly done by the manufacturer or
1523	distributor thereof in accordance with sections 3 and 4 of that
1524	certain chapter of the Congress of the United States entitled,
1525	"An act to prohibit transportation of gaming devices in
1526	interstate and foreign commerce", approved January 2, 1951,
1527	being c. 1194, 64 Stat. 1134, and also designated as 15 U.S.C.
1528	1171-1177, shall be deemed legal shipments thereof into any such
1529	county provided the destination of such shipments is to a
1530	licensed eligible facility as defined s. 551.103.
1531	Section 6. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 895.02,
1532	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
1533	895.02 DefinitionsAs used in ss. 895.01-895.08, the
1534	term:
1535	(1) "Racketeering activity" means to commit, to attempt to
1536	commit, to conspire to commit, or to solicit, coerce, or
1537	intimidate another person to commit:
1538	(a) Any crime which is chargeable by indictment or
1539	information under the following provisions of the Florida
1540	Statutes:
1541	1. Section 210.18, relating to evasion of payment of
1542	cigarette taxes.
1543	2. Section 403.727(3)(b), relating to environmental
1544	control.
1545	3. Section 409.920 or s. 409.9201, relating to Medicaid
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5. Section 440.105 or s. 440.106, relating to workers' compensation.

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- 6. Section 465.0161, relating to distribution of medicinal drugs without a permit as an Internet pharmacy.
- 7. Sections 499.0051, 499.0052, 499.00535, 499.00545, and 499.0691, relating to crimes involving contraband and adulterated drugs.
 - 8. Part IV of chapter 501, relating to telemarketing.
 - 9. Chapter 517, relating to sale of securities and investor protection.
- 1558 10. Section 550.235, s. 550.3551, or s. 550.3605, relating to dogracing and horseracing.
 - 11. Chapter 550, relating to jai alai frontons.
 - 12. Section 551.1113, relating to slot machine gaming.
- 1562 <u>13.12.</u> Chapter 552, relating to the manufacture, 1563 distribution, and use of explosives.
- 1564 <u>14.13.</u> Chapter 560, relating to money transmitters, if the violation is punishable as a felony.
 - 15.14. Chapter 562, relating to beverage law enforcement.
 - <u>16.15.</u> Section 624.401, relating to transacting insurance without a certificate of authority, s. 624.437(4)(c)1., relating to operating an unauthorized multiple-employer welfare arrangement, or s. 626.902(1)(b), relating to representing or aiding an unauthorized insurer.
- 1572 <u>17.16.</u> Section 655.50, relating to reports of currency transactions, when such violation is punishable as a felony.
- 1574 <u>18.17.</u> Chapter 687, relating to interest and usurious practices.

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1576 19.18. Section 721.08, s. 721.09, or s. 721.13, relating to real estate timeshare plans. 1577 20.19. Chapter 782, relating to homicide. 1578 1579 21.20. Chapter 784, relating to assault and battery. 1580 22.21. Chapter 787, relating to kidnapping. 23.22. Chapter 790, relating to weapons and firearms. 1581 24.23. Section 796.03, s. 796.035, s. 796.04, s. 796.045, 1582 s. 796.05, or s. 796.07, relating to prostitution and sex 1583 trafficking. 1584 25.24. Chapter 806, relating to arson. 1585 1586 26.25. Section 810.02(2)(c), relating to specified 1587 burglary of a dwelling or structure. 1588 27.26. Chapter 812, relating to theft, robbery, and 1589 related crimes. 1590 28.27. Chapter 815, relating to computer-related crimes. 29.28. Chapter 817, relating to fraudulent practices, 1591 1592 false pretenses, fraud generally, and credit card crimes. 1593 30.29. Chapter 825, relating to abuse, neglect, or 1594 exploitation of an elderly person or disabled adult. 31.30. Section 827.071, relating to commercial sexual 1595 1596 exploitation of children. 32.31. Chapter 831, relating to forgery and 1597 1598 counterfeiting. 1599 33.32. Chapter 832, relating to issuance of worthless 1600 checks and drafts. 1601 34.33. Section 836.05, relating to extortion. 35.34. Chapter 837, relating to perjury. 1602

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- 36.35. Chapter 838, relating to bribery and misuse of public office.
- 1605 37.36. Chapter 843, relating to obstruction of justice.
- 1606 38.37. Section 847.011, s. 847.012, s. 847.013, s. 847.06, or s. 847.07, relating to obscene literature and profanity.
- 1608 39.38. Section 849.09, s. 849.14, s. 849.15, s. 849.23, or 1609 s. 849.25, relating to gambling.
- 1610 40.39. Chapter 874, relating to criminal street gangs.
- 1611 <u>41.40.</u> Chapter 893, relating to drug abuse prevention and control.
- 1613 <u>42.41.</u> Chapter 896, relating to offenses related to financial transactions.
- 1615 <u>43.42.</u> Sections 914.22 and 914.23, relating to tampering
 1616 with a witness, victim, or informant, and retaliation against a
 1617 witness, victim, or informant.
- 1618 <u>44.43.</u> Sections 918.12 and 918.13, relating to tampering with jurors and evidence.
- 1620 (b) Any conduct defined as "racketeering activity" under 1621 18 U.S.C. s. 1961(1).
- (2) "Unlawful debt" means any money or other thing of value constituting principal or interest of a debt that is legally unenforceable in this state in whole or in part because the debt was incurred or contracted:
- 1626 (a) In violation of any one of the following provisions of law:
- 1628 1. Section 550.235, s. 550.3551, or s. 550.3605, relating 1629 to dogracing and horseracing.
- 2. Chapter 550, relating to jai alai frontons.

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3. Section 551.1113, relating to slot machine gaming.

- 4.3. Chapter 687, relating to interest and usury.
- 1633 <u>5.4.</u> Section 849.09, s. 849.14, s. 849.15, s. 849.23, or 1634 s. 849.25, relating to gambling.
 - (b) In gambling activity in violation of federal law or in the business of lending money at a rate usurious under state or federal law.

Section 7. The Legislature has exclusive authority over the conduct of all wagering occurring at a slot machine facility in this state. Only the division and other authorized state agencies shall administer chapter 551, Florida Statutes, and regulate the slot machine gaming industry, including operation of slot machine facilities, games, slot machines, and centralized computer management systems authorized in chapter 551 and the rules adopted by the division.

Section 8. Referenda. --

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a county in which a slot machine facility is located may call a referendum to give the voters an opportunity to deauthorize slot machine operations as an undue burden on the county, and shall call such referendum upon a petition signed by the lesser of 10,000 electors or 1 percent of the electors residing within the county.
- (2) When a referendum is called as a result of a petition having been signed by a sufficient number of the electors of a county, the county supervisor of elections shall conduct such referendum on the day of any state or county primary or general election that is being held for any purpose other than for the

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1659 purpose of deauthorizing slot machine operations as an undue 1660 burden. The question on the ballot shall be: 1661 SHOULD THE OPERATION OF SLOT MACHINES IN [COUNTY NAME] BE 1662 DEAUTHORIZED AS AN UNDUE BURDEN UPON THE COUNTY? 1663 The results shall be certified to the Division of 1664 Elections of the Department of State. (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each 1665 1666 municipality and county in which a slot machine facility is 1667 located and each municipality that is contiguous to a 1668 municipality where a slot machine facility is located may call a 1669 referendum to give the voters an opportunity to declare the slot 1670 machine operation an undue burden on the community, and shall 1671 call such referendum upon: 1672 Petition signed by the lesser of 1,000 electors or 5 percent of the electors residing within the municipality; or 1673 Petition signed by the lesser of 10,000 electors or 1 1674 1675 percent of the electors residing within the county. 1676 When a referendum is called as a result of a (5) 1677 sufficient number of petitions having been signed by the 1678 electors of a county or municipality, the county supervisor of 1679 elections shall conduct such referendum on the day of any state, county, or municipal primary or general election or on the day 1680 1681 of any election of such county or municipality that is being 1682 held for any purpose other than for the purpose of declaring 1683 whether the operation of slot machines is an undue burden. The 1684 question on the ballot shall be: 1685 SHOULD THE OPERATION OF SLOT MACHINES IN [NAME OF 1686 COUNTY] [NAME OF MUNICIPALITY] OR IN A MUNICIPALITY

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CONTIGUOUS TO [NAME OF MUNICIPALITY] BE DECLARED AN UNDUE BURDEN?

- (6) The results shall be transmitted to the board for its consideration and inclusion in its annual report and to the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability for its use in conducting performance audits and evaluations.
- (7) 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 or that municipality for at least 2 years.
- Section 9. Any tribal-state compact relating to gaming activities which is entered into by an Indian tribe in this state and the Governor pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. ss. 2701 et seq., must be conditioned upon ratification by the Legislature.
- Section 10. Department of Transportation study of transportation facilities providing access to pari-mutuel facilities and Indian reservations; report and recommendations authorized.--
- (1) The Department of Transportation is directed to conduct a study of the impacts that slot machine gaming at parimutuel facilities and on Indian reservation lands are having on public roads and other transportation facilities, regarding traffic congestion and other mobility issues, facility maintenance and repair costs, emergency evacuation readiness, costs of potential future widening or other improvements, and other impacts on the motoring, nongaming public.

(2) The study shall include, but is not limited to, the following information:

- (a) A listing, description, and functional classification of the access roads to and from pari-mutuel facilities and Indian reservations that conduct slot machine gaming in the state.
- (b) An identification of the access roads identified under paragraph (a) that are either scheduled for improvements within the Department of Transportation's 5-year work program or are listed on the 20-year, long-range transportation plan of the department or a metropolitan planning organization.
- (c) The most recent traffic counts on the access roads and projected future usage, as well as any projections of impacts on secondary, feeder, or connector roads, interstate highway exit and entrance ramps, or other area transportation facilities.
- (d) The safety and maintenance ratings of each access road and a detailed review of impacts on local and state emergency management agencies to provide emergency or evacuation services.
- (e) The estimated infrastructure costs to maintain, improve, or widen these access roads based on future projected needs.
- (f) The feasibility of implementing tolls on these access roads or, if already tolled, raising the toll to offset and mitigate the impacts of traffic generated by pari-mutuel and by Indian reservation slot machine gaming activities on nontribal communities in the state and to finance projected future improvements to the access roads.

1741 The department shall present its findings and recommendations in a report to be submitted to the Governor, the 1742 1743 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 15, 2006. The report may include any 1744 department recommendations for proposed legislation. 1745 1746 Section 11. (1) Sixty-four full-time equivalent positions are authorized and the sum of \$4,792,259 in recurring and 1747 \$4,036,486 in nonrecurring funds is hereby appropriated from the 1748 1749 Slot Machine Administrative Trust Fund in the Department of 1750 Business and Professional Regulation for the purpose of carrying 1751 out all regulatory activities provided herein. The Executive 1752 Office of the Governor shall place these funds and positions in 1753 reserve until such time as the Department of Business and 1754 Professional Regulation submits an expenditure plan for approval 1755 to the Executive Office of the Governor, and the chair and vice 1756 chair of the Legislative Budget Commission in accordance with 1757 the provisions of section 216.177, Florida Statutes. The sum of \$2,634,349 in recurring and \$1,814,916 in 1758 (2) nonrecurring funds is hereby appropriated from the Slot Machine 1759 Administrative Trust Fund in the Department of Business and 1760 1761 Professional Regulation for transfer to the Department of Law 1762 Enforcement for the purpose of investigations, intelligence 1763 gathering, background investigations, and any other 1764 responsibilities as provided for herein. Fifty-seven full-time 1765 equivalent positions are authorized and the sum of \$2,634,349 in recurring and \$1,814,916 in nonrecurring funds is hereby 1766 1767 appropriated from the Operating Trust Fund in the Department of 1768 Law Enforcement for the purpose of investigations, intelligence

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Governor and the chair and vice chair of the Legislative Budget
Commission in accordance with the provisions of section 216.177,
Florida Statutes.

The sum of \$158,154 in recurring and \$24,498 in nonrecurring funds is hereby appropriated from the Slot Machine Administrative Trust Fund in the Department of Business and Professional Regulation for transfer to the Office of the State Attorney, 17th Judicial Circuit, for the purpose of prosecution of offenses associated with gaming operations. Ten full-time equivalent positions are authorized and the sum of \$158,154 in recurring and \$24,498 in nonrecurring funds is hereby appropriated from the Grants and Donations Trust Fund in the Office of the State Attorney, 17th Judicial Circuit, for the purpose of prosecution of offenses associated with gaming operations. The Executive Office of the Governor shall place these funds and positions in reserve until such time as the Office of the State Attorney, 17th Judicial Circuit, submits an expenditure plan for approval to the Executive Office of the Governor and the chair and vice chair of the Legislative Budget Commission in accordance with the provisions of section 216.177, Florida Statutes.

Section 12. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.