## Florida Senate - 2006

By Senator Garcia

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to pari-mutuel permitholders;
3	amending s. 550.5251, F.S.; revising certain
4	requirements for licensing and permits for
5	thoroughbred racing permitholders; revising the
6	timeframe for the application of certain
7	requirements; deleting a requirement that
8	thoroughbred permitholders operate the full
9	number of authorized days; providing for the
10	validity of certain permits notwithstanding
11	action by the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering;
12	providing an effective date.
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14	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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16	Section 1. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section
17	550.5251, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
18	550.5251 Florida thoroughbred racing; certain permits;
19	operating days
20	(1) Each thoroughbred permitholder under whose permit
21	thoroughbred racing was conducted in this state at any time
22	between January 1, 1987, and January 1, <u>2007</u> <del>1988</del> , shall
23	annually be entitled to apply for and annually receive
24	thoroughbred racing days and dates as set forth in this
25	section. As regards such permitholders, the annual
26	thoroughbred racing season shall be from June 1 of any year
27	through May 31 of the following year and shall be known as the
28	"Florida Thoroughbred Racing Season."
29	(2) Each permitholder referred to in subsection (1)
30	shall annually, during the period commencing December 15 of
31	each year and ending January 4 of the following year, file in
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1	writing with the division its application to conduct one or
2	more thoroughbred racing meetings during the thoroughbred
3	racing season commencing on the following June 1. Each
4	application shall specify the number and dates of all
5	performances that the permitholder intends to conduct during
6	that thoroughbred racing season. On or before February 15 of
7	each year, the division shall issue a license authorizing each
8	permitholder to conduct performances on the dates specified in
9	its application. Up to March 31 of each year, each
10	permitholder may request and shall be granted changes in its
11	authorized performances <del>; but thereafter, as a condition</del>
12	precedent to the validity of its license and its right to
13	retain its permit, each permitholder must operate the full
14	number of days authorized on each of the dates set forth in
15	its license.
16	(3) Each thoroughbred permit referred to in subsection
17	(1), including, but not limited to, any permit originally
18	issued as a summer thoroughbred horse racing permit, is hereby
19	validated and shall continue in full force and $effect_{\perp}$
20	irrespective of any action that the division may take or may
21	have heretofore taken against the permit.
22	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.
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25	SENATE SUMMARY
26	Revises certain requirements for licensing and permits for thoroughbred racing permitholders. Deletes a
27	requirement that thoroughbred permitholders operate the full number of authorized days. Provides for the validity
28	of certain permits notwithstanding action by the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering.
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