

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to pari-mutuel permitholders; amending s. 550.002, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "full schedule of live racing or games"; revising the number of performances required for a full schedule for a greyhound racing permitholder; amending s. 849.086, F.S.; revising requirements for renewal of a cardroom license by a greyhound racing permitholder; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (11) of section 550.002, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

550.002 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

(11) "Full schedule of live racing or games" means, for a greyhound racing permitholder, the conduct of a combination of at least 50 live evening or matinee performances during the preceding year; for a ~~greyhound or~~ jai alai permitholder, the conduct of a combination of at least 100 live evening or matinee performances during the preceding year; for a permitholder who has a converted permit or filed an application on or before June 1, 1990, for a converted permit, the conduct of a combination of at least 100 live evening and matinee wagering performances during either of the 2 preceding years; for a jai alai permitholder who does not operate slot machines in its pari-

27 | mutuel facility, who has conducted at least 100 live
28 | performances per year for at least 10 years after December 31,
29 | 1992, and whose handle on live jai alai games conducted at its
30 | pari-mutuel facility has been less than \$4 million per state
31 | fiscal year for at least 2 consecutive years after June 30,
32 | 1992, the conduct of a combination of at least 40 live evening
33 | or matinee performances during the preceding year; for a jai
34 | alai permitholder who operates slot machines in its pari-mutuel
35 | facility, the conduct of a combination of at least 150
36 | performances during the preceding year; for a harness
37 | permitholder, the conduct of at least 100 live regular wagering
38 | performances during the preceding year; for a quarter horse
39 | permitholder at its facility unless an alternative schedule of
40 | at least 20 live regular wagering performances is agreed upon by
41 | the permitholder and either the Florida Quarter Horse Racing
42 | Association or the horsemen's association representing the
43 | majority of the quarter horse owners and trainers at the
44 | facility and filed with the division along with its annual date
45 | application, in the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the conduct of at
46 | least 20 regular wagering performances, in the 2011-2012 and
47 | 2012-2013 fiscal years, the conduct of at least 30 live regular
48 | wagering performances, and for every fiscal year after the 2012-
49 | 2013 fiscal year, the conduct of at least 40 live regular
50 | wagering performances; for a quarter horse permitholder leasing
51 | another licensed racetrack, the conduct of 160 events at the
52 | leased facility; and for a thoroughbred permitholder, the

53 | conduct of at least 40 live regular wagering performances during
54 | the preceding year. For a permit holder which is restricted by
55 | statute to certain operating periods within the year when other
56 | members of its same class of permit are authorized to operate
57 | throughout the year, the specified number of live performances
58 | which constitute a full schedule of live racing or games shall
59 | be adjusted pro rata in accordance with the relationship between
60 | its authorized operating period and the full calendar year and
61 | the resulting specified number of live performances shall
62 | constitute the full schedule of live games for such permit holder
63 | and all other permit holders of the same class within 100 air
64 | miles of such permit holder. A live performance must consist of
65 | no fewer than eight races or games conducted live for each of a
66 | minimum of three performances each week at the permit holder's
67 | licensed facility under a single admission charge.

68 | Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
69 | 849.086, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

70 | 849.086 Cardrooms authorized.—

71 | (5) LICENSE REQUIRED; APPLICATION; FEES.—No person may
72 | operate a cardroom in this state unless such person holds a
73 | valid cardroom license issued pursuant to this section.

74 | (b) After the initial cardroom license is granted, the
75 | application for the annual license renewal shall be made in
76 | conjunction with the applicant's annual application for its
77 | pari-mutuel license. If a permit holder has operated a cardroom
78 | during any of the 3 previous fiscal years and fails to include a

79 renewal request for the operation of the cardroom in its annual
80 application for license renewal, the permitholder may amend its
81 annual application to include operation of the cardroom. Except
82 for a greyhound racing permitholder, in order for a cardroom
83 license to be renewed, the applicant must have requested, as
84 part of its pari-mutuel annual license application, to conduct
85 at least 90 percent of the total number of live performances
86 conducted by such permitholder during either the state fiscal
87 year in which its initial cardroom license was issued or the
88 immediately preceding state fiscal year ~~immediately prior~~
89 ~~thereto~~ if the permitholder ran at least a full schedule of live
90 racing or games in the preceding ~~prior~~ year. If the application
91 is for a harness racing permitholder cardroom, the applicant
92 must have requested authorization to conduct a minimum of 140
93 live performances during the immediately preceding state fiscal
94 year ~~immediately prior thereto~~. If more than one permitholder is
95 operating at a facility, each permitholder must have applied for
96 a license to conduct a full schedule of live racing.

97 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.