

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to changes in ownership of or interest  
 3           in pari-mutuel permits; amending s. 550.054, F.S.;  
 4           revising entities authorized to hold pari-mutuel  
 5           wagering permits and associated licenses; amending s.  
 6           849.086, F.S.; specifying such entities may hold a  
 7           license for the operation of a cardroom; amending s.  
 8           550.01215, F.S.; providing applicability; providing an  
 9           effective date.

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

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13           Section 1. Subsection (15) of section 550.054, Florida  
 14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15           550.054 Application for permit to conduct pari-mutuel  
 16 wagering.—

17           (15) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a  
 18 permit for the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering and associated  
 19 cardroom or slot machine licenses may only be held by a  
 20 permitholder who held an operating license for the conduct of  
 21 pari-mutuel wagering for fiscal year 2020-2021 or who holds a  
 22 permit issued pursuant to s. 550.3345 or by a purchaser,  
 23 transferee, or assignee of a valid permit for the conduct of  
 24 pari-mutuel wagering if approved by the commission before such  
 25 purchase, transfer, or assignment and provided that the

26 commission does not approve or issue an additional permit for  
 27 the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering;

28 (b) All permits issued under this chapter held by  
 29 permitholders on January 1, 2021, are deemed valid for the sole  
 30 and exclusive purpose of satisfying all conditions for the valid  
 31 issuance of the permits, if such permitholder held an operating  
 32 license for the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering for fiscal year  
 33 2020-2021 or if such permitholder held a permit issued pursuant  
 34 to s. 550.3345;

35 (c) Additional permits for the conduct of pari-mutuel  
 36 wagering may not be approved or issued by the commission or  
 37 former Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering after January 1, 2021;  
 38 and

39 (d) A permit to conduct pari-mutuel wagering may not be  
 40 converted to another class of permit.

41 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section  
 42 849.086, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

43 849.086 Cardrooms authorized.—

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

47 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a pari-  
 48 mutuel permitholder, other than a permitholder issued a permit  
 49 pursuant to s. 550.3345 or a purchaser, transferee, or assignee  
 50 holding a valid permit for the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering

51 approved pursuant to s. 550.054(15) (a), may not be issued a  
52 license for the operation of a cardroom if the permitholder did  
53 not hold an operating license for the conduct of pari-mutuel  
54 wagering for fiscal year 2020-2021. In order for an initial  
55 cardroom license to be issued to a thoroughbred permitholder  
56 issued a permit pursuant to s. 550.3345, the applicant must have  
57 requested, as part of its pari-mutuel annual license  
58 application, to conduct at least a full schedule of live racing.  
59 In order for a cardroom license to be renewed by a thoroughbred  
60 permitholder, the applicant must have requested, as part of its  
61 pari-mutuel annual license application, to conduct at least 90  
62 percent of the total number of live performances conducted by  
63 such permitholder during either the state fiscal year in which  
64 its initial cardroom license was issued or the state fiscal year  
65 immediately prior thereto if the permitholder ran at least a  
66 full schedule of live racing or games in the prior year.

67 Section 3. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section  
68 550.01215, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

69 550.01215 License application; periods of operation;  
70 license fees; bond.—

71 (1) Each permitholder shall annually, during the period  
72 between December 15 and January 4, file in writing with the  
73 commission its application for an operating license for a pari-  
74 mutuel facility for the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering during  
75 the next state fiscal year, including intertrack and simulcast

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76 race wagering. Each application for live performances must  
77 specify the number, dates, and starting times of all live  
78 performances that the permitholder intends to conduct. It must  
79 also specify which performances will be conducted as charity or  
80 scholarship performances.

81 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, other than  
82 a permitholder issued a permit pursuant to s. 550.3345, a pari-  
83 mutuel permitholder may not be issued an operating license for  
84 the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering, slot machine gaming, or the  
85 operation of a cardroom if the permitholder did not hold an  
86 operating license for the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering for  
87 fiscal year 2020-2021. This paragraph does not apply to a  
88 purchaser, transferee, or assignee holding a valid permit for  
89 the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering approved pursuant to s.  
90 550.054(15)(a).

91 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.