

Committee on Appropriations

SB 2510 — Florida Gaming Control Commission

by Appropriations Committee

The bill, relating to Florida Gaming Control Commission, conforms statutes to funding decisions related to the Florida Gaming Control Commission (commission) in the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Specifically, the bill:

- Deletes a requirement that each member of the commission be appointed from each one of the five appellate court districts in light of the Supreme Court's request to create a new Sixth Appellate District.
- Allows a person who has lobbied for a state agency to be appointed as a commissioner or employed as a commission employee.
- Moves the hearing and notice requirements exemption in ch. 120, F.S., for pari-mutuel stewards, judges, and boards of judges from the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering (division) to the commission.
- Deletes the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund (PMW) from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation and, instead authorizes the commission to administer the PMW Trust Fund.
- Provides that the daily license fees for pari-mutuel wagering are to be used to fund the operating cost of the commission rather than the division and the proportionate share of the office of the secretary and administration. Provides that slot machine fees shall be used to fund the operating expenses of the commission rather than the division for slot machine regulation operations.
- Deletes the transfer of funds from the PMW Trust Fund to the General Revenue Fund.
- Deletes the transfer of excess funds from the slot machine regulation operations to the General Revenue Fund.
- Requires the commission to evaluate the license fee for slot machine regulatory requirements and make recommendations to the President and Speaker on the level of slot machine license fees by January 1, 2026.
- Provides that the game promotion statute (s. 849.094, F.S.) does not apply to actions regulated by the Florida Gaming Control Commission.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2022.

Vote: Senate 33-0; House 102-5