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**DATE:** January 8, 1998

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON  
REGULATED SERVICES  
BILL RESEARCH & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

**BILL #:** HB 3365 (PCB RS 98-03)  
**RELATING TO:** Regulation of Pari-Mutuel Wagering  
**SPONSOR(S):** Committee on Regulated Services  
**COMPANION BILL(S):** None

**ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:**

- (1) REGULATED SERVICES YEAS 11 NAYS 0
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I. SUMMARY:

This proposed bill is the result of the State Government Function/Activity Review Interim Project wherein staff was instructed to identify obsolete statutes or statutes in need of technical or clarifying amendment.

This bill amends several provisions regarding the regulation of pari-mutuel wagering. The proposed changes are technical in nature.

This bill has no fiscal impact.

This bill takes effect upon becoming a law.

II. SUBSTANTIVE RESEARCH:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

Chapter 550, F.S., provides the regulatory and tax structure for Florida's pari-mutuel industry. Over the years, various revisions have been made to the pari-mutuel code resulting in obsolete or technically incorrect language.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill amends or deletes provisions of the pari-mutuel wagering. The proposed changes are technical in nature. See section-by-section research for more detail.

C. APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLES:

1. Less Government:

a. Does the bill create, increase or reduce, either directly or indirectly:

(1) any authority to make rules or adjudicate disputes?

N/A

(2) any new responsibilities, obligations or work for other governmental or private organizations or individuals?

N/A

(3) any entitlement to a government service or benefit?

N/A

b. If an agency or program is eliminated or reduced:

(1) what responsibilities, costs and powers are passed on to another program, agency, level of government, or private entity?

N/A

(2) what is the cost of such responsibility at the new level/agency?

N/A

(3) how is the new agency accountable to the people governed?

N/A

2. Lower Taxes:

a. Does the bill increase anyone's taxes?

N/A

b. Does the bill require or authorize an increase in any fees?

N/A

c. Does the bill reduce total taxes, both rates and revenues?

N/A

d. Does the bill reduce total fees, both rates and revenues?

N/A

e. Does the bill authorize any fee or tax increase by any local government?

N/A

3. Personal Responsibility:

a. Does the bill reduce or eliminate an entitlement to government services or subsidy?

N/A

b. Do the beneficiaries of the legislation directly pay any portion of the cost of implementation and operation?

N/A

4. Individual Freedom:

a. Does the bill increase the allowable options of individuals or private organizations/associations to conduct their own affairs?

N/A

- b. Does the bill prohibit, or create new government interference with, any presently lawful activity?

N/A

5. Family Empowerment:

- a. If the bill purports to provide services to families or children:

- (1) Who evaluates the family's needs?

N/A

- (2) Who makes the decisions?

N/A

- (3) Are private alternatives permitted?

N/A

- (4) Are families required to participate in a program?

N/A

- (5) Are families penalized for not participating in a program?

N/A

- b. Does the bill directly affect the legal rights and obligations between family members?

N/A

- c. If the bill creates or changes a program providing services to families or children, in which of the following does the bill vest control of the program, either through direct participation or appointment authority:

- (1) parents and guardians?

N/A

- (2) service providers?

N/A

(3) government employees/agencies?

N/A

**D. STATUTE(S) AFFECTED:**

Chapter 550, F.S.

**E. SECTION-BY-SECTION RESEARCH:**

Section 1. Removes obsolete provisions which allowed date changes for FY 1996-1997. Deletes ss. 550.01215(2) & (3), F.S.

Section 2. Removes a provision requiring the division to adopt emergency cardroom rules prior to January 1, 1997. Amends s. 550.0251(12), F.S.

Section 3. Removes obsolete language which made the provisions effective October 1, 1996. Amends ss. 550.0951(1), (3)(c)2., & (4), F.S.

Section 4. Removes obsolete language which made the paragraph effective July 1, 1993. Amends s. 550.09511(2)(c), F.S.

Section 5. Removes obsolete language relating to tax rates and date amendments which were applicable only to FY 1992-1993. Deletes ss. 550.09515(2)(a)3. & 4., F.S.

Section 6. Corrects an incorrect cite. The subsection currently refers to a distribution formula but cites the previous paragraph (a). The correct cite is subsection (b). Amends s. 550.6305(9)(c), F.S.

Section 7. Effective date - upon becoming a law.

**III. FISCAL RESEARCH & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:**

**A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE AGENCIES/STATE FUNDS:**

1. Non-recurring Effects:

N/A

2. Recurring Effects:

N/A

3. Long Run Effects Other Than Normal Growth:

N/A

4. Total Revenues and Expenditures:

N/A

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS A WHOLE:

1. Non-recurring Effects:

N/A

2. Recurring Effects:

N/A

3. Long Run Effects Other Than Normal Growth:

N/A

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

1. Direct Private Sector Costs:

N/A

2. Direct Private Sector Benefits:

N/A

3. Effects on Competition, Private Enterprise and Employment Markets:

N/A

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

N/A

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

N/A

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

N/A

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C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

N/A

V. COMMENTS:

N/A

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

N/A

VII. SIGNATURES:

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