

By Representatives Morroni and Tobin

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to pari-mutuel wagering;  
3           amending s. 550.155, F.S.; revising approval  
4           requirements with respect to capital  
5           improvements; providing an effective date.  
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9           Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 550.155, Florida  
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11           550.155 Pari-mutuel pool within track enclosure;  
12 takeouts; breaks; penalty for purchasing part of a pari-mutuel  
13 pool for or through another in specified circumstances.--

14           (2) The permitholder's share of the takeout is that  
15 portion of the takeout that remains after the pari-mutuel tax  
16 imposed upon the contributions to the pari-mutuel pool is  
17 deducted from the takeout and paid by the permitholder. The  
18 takeout is deducted from all pari-mutuel pools but may be  
19 different depending on the type of pari-mutuel pool. The  
20 permitholder shall inform the patrons, either through the  
21 official program or via the posting of signs at conspicuous  
22 locations, as to the takeout currently being applied to handle  
23 at the facility. A capital improvement proposed by a  
24 permitholder licensed under this chapter to a pari-mutuel  
25 facility existing on June 23, 1981, which capital improvement  
26 requires, pursuant to any municipal or county ordinance,  
27 resolution, or regulation, the qualification or approval of  
28 the municipality or county wherein the permitholder conducts  
29 its business operations, shall receive approval unless the  
30 municipality or county is able to show that the proposed  
31 improvement presents a justifiable and immediate hazard to the

1 health and safety of municipal or county residents, provided  
2 the permitholder pays to the municipality or county the cost  
3 of a building permit and provided the capital improvement  
4 meets the following criteria:

5 (a) The improvement does not qualify as a development  
6 of regional impact as defined in s. 380.06; and

7 (b) The improvement is contiguous to or within the  
8 existing pari-mutuel facility site. To be contiguous, the  
9 site of the improvement must share a sufficient common  
10 boundary with the present pari-mutuel facility to allow full  
11 and free access without crossing a public roadway, public  
12 waterway, or similar barrier.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
14 law.

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16 HOUSE SUMMARY

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18 Revises a provision of law relating to capital  
19 improvements to include reference to counties with  
20 respect to approval under certain circumstances.  
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