

By Representative Rubio

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to pari-mutuel wagering;  
3           amending s. 550.2633, F.S.; providing for  
4           distribution of abandoned interest in or  
5           contributions to pari-mutuel pools from live  
6           jai alai games; providing for an annual report  
7           to the Governor and Legislature; amending s.  
8           550.475, F.S.; providing for leasing of jai  
9           alai facilities; providing an 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. Section 550.2633, Florida Statutes, is  
14 amended to read:

15           550.2633 Horseracing and jai alai; distribution of  
16 abandoned interest in or contributions to pari-mutuel pools.--

17           (1) Except as provided in subsection (3), all moneys  
18 or other property represented by any unclaimed, uncashed, or  
19 abandoned pari-mutuel ticket which has remained in the custody  
20 of or under the control of any horseracing permitholder  
21 authorized to conduct pari-mutuel pools in this state for a  
22 period of 1 year after the date the pari-mutuel ticket was  
23 issued, when the rightful owner or owners thereof have made no  
24 claim or demand for such money or other property within that  
25 period, is hereby declared to have escheated to or to escheat  
26 to, and to have become the property of, the state.

27           (2) All moneys or other property which has escheated  
28 to and become the property of the state as provided herein and  
29 which is held by a permitholder authorized to conduct  
30 pari-mutuel pools in this state shall be paid annually by the  
31 permitholder to the recipient designated in this subsection

1 within 60 days after the close of the race meeting of the  
2 permitholder. Section 550.1645 notwithstanding, such moneys  
3 shall be paid by the permitholder as follows:

4 (a) Funds from any harness horse races shall be paid  
5 to the Florida Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association  
6 and shall be used for the payment of breeders' awards,  
7 stallion awards, stallion stakes, additional purses, and  
8 prizes for, and for the general promotion of owning and  
9 breeding of, Florida-bred standardbred horses, as provided for  
10 in s. 550.2625.

11 (b) Except as provided in paragraphs (c) and (d),  
12 funds from quarter horse races shall be paid to the Florida  
13 Quarter Horse Breeders and Owners Association and shall be  
14 allocated solely for supplementing and augmenting purses and  
15 prizes and for the general promotion of owning and breeding of  
16 racing quarter horses in this state, as provided for in s.  
17 550.2625.

18 (c) Funds for Appaloosa races conducted under a  
19 quarter horse racing permit shall be deposited into the  
20 Florida Quarter Horse Racing Promotion Trust Fund in a special  
21 account to be known as the "Florida Appaloosa Racing Promotion  
22 Fund" and shall be used for the payment of breeders' awards  
23 and stallion awards as provided for in s. 570.381.

24 (d) Funds for Arabian horse races conducted under a  
25 quarter horse racing permit shall be deposited into the  
26 Florida Quarter Horse Racing Promotion Trust Fund in a special  
27 account to be known as the "Florida Arabian Horse Racing  
28 Promotion Fund" and shall be used for the payment of breeders'  
29 awards and stallion awards as provided for in s. 570.382.

30 (e) Funds from any live jai alai games shall be paid  
31 to the National Association of Jai Alai Frontons, to be used

1 for the general promotion of the sport of jai alai in the  
2 state, including amateur jai alai youth programs. The National  
3 Association of Jai Alai Frontons shall submit an annual audit  
4 report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of  
5 Representatives, and the President of the Senate on or before  
6 July 1 of each year, detailing the use of the funds received  
7 pursuant to this paragraph.

8 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all  
9 moneys described in s. 550.263(2)(a), Florida Statutes 1991,  
10 which escheated to the state under s. 550.263(1), Florida  
11 Statutes 1991, during the period beginning October 1, 1992,  
12 and ending on December 16, 1992, shall be paid as provided in  
13 paragraph (2)(a).

14 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all  
15 moneys described in s. 550.263(3), Florida Statutes 1991,  
16 which escheated to the state under s. 550.263(1), Florida  
17 Statutes 1991, during the period beginning August 24, 1992,  
18 and ending on December 16, 1992, shall be paid as provided in  
19 subsection (5).

20 (5) Uncashed tickets and breaks on live racing  
21 conducted by thoroughbred permitholders shall be retained by  
22 the permitholder conducting the live race.

23 Section 2. Section 550.475, Florida Statutes, is  
24 amended to read:

25 550.475 Lease of pari-mutuel facilities by pari-mutuel  
26 permitholders.--Holders of valid pari-mutuel permits for the  
27 conduct of any jai alai games, dogracing, or thoroughbred and  
28 standardbred horse racing in this state are ~~shall be~~ entitled  
29 to lease any and all of their facilities to any other holder  
30 of a same class valid pari-mutuel permit for jai alai games,  
31 dogracing, or thoroughbred or standardbred horse racing, when

1 located within a 35-mile radius of each other; and such lessee  
2 is ~~shall be~~ entitled to a permit and license to operate its  
3 race meet at the leased premises.

4 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
5 law.

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8 HOUSE SUMMARY

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10 Provides for the use of funds from unclaimed, uncashed,  
11 or abandoned jai alai pari-mutuel tickets. Authorizes jai  
12 alai permitholders to lease their facilities to other  
13 permitholders. Provides for an annual report to the  
14 Governor and Legislature. See bill for details.  
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