

By the Committee on Regulated Services and Representative
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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 professional tournaments and amateur jai alai
3 youth programs. These youth programs shall focus on benefiting
4 children in after-school and anti-drug programs with special
5 attention to inner city areas. The National Association of Jai
6 Alai Frontons shall submit an annual audit report to the
7 Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
8 President of the Senate on or before July 1 of each year,
9 detailing the use of the funds received pursuant to this
10 paragraph.

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

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

23 (5) Uncashed tickets and breaks on live racing
24 conducted by thoroughbred permitholders shall be retained by
25 the permitholder conducting the live race.

26 Section 2. Section 550.475, Florida Statutes, is
27 amended to read:

28 550.475 Lease of pari-mutuel facilities by pari-mutuel
29 permitholders.--Holders of valid pari-mutuel permits for the
30 conduct of any jai alai games, dogracing, or thoroughbred and
31 standardbred horse racing in this state are ~~shall be~~ entitled

1 to lease any and all of their facilities to any other holder
2 of a same class valid pari-mutuel permit for jai alai games,
3 dogracing, or thoroughbred or standardbred horse racing, when
4 located within a 35-mile radius of each other; and such lessee
5 is ~~shall be~~ entitled to a permit and license to operate its
6 race meet or jai-alai games at the leased premises.

7 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
8 law.

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