

By Representatives Logan, Sembler and Heyman

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to cardrooms; amending s.  
3           849.086, F.S.; revising language with respect  
4           to conditions for operating a cardroom;  
5           providing that each wager may not exceed a  
6           certain amount; increasing the amount of the  
7           cardroom monthly take used to supplement  
8           greyhound purses or jai alai prize money;  
9           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. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (7),  
14           paragraph (b) of subsection (8), and paragraph (d) of  
15           subsection (13) of section 849.086, Florida Statutes, are  
16           amended to read:

17           849.086 Cardrooms authorized.--

18           (7) CONDITIONS FOR OPERATING A CARDROOM.--

19           (a) A cardroom may only be operated at the location  
20           specified on the cardroom license issued by the division, and  
21           such location may only be the location at which the  
22           pari-mutuel permitholder is authorized to conduct pari-mutuel  
23           wagering activities pursuant to such permitholder's valid  
24           pari-mutuel permit ~~and current license~~.

25           (b) A cardroom may be operated at the facility only  
26           when the facility is authorized to accept wagers on  
27           pari-mutuel events ~~during its authorized meet~~. A cardroom may  
28           begin operations within 2 hours prior to the post time of the  
29           first pari-mutuel event ~~conducted live at the pari-mutuel~~  
30           facility on which wagers are accepted by the facility and must  
31           cease operations by 3 a.m. on the following day ~~within 2 hours~~

1 ~~after the conclusion of the last pari-mutuel event conducted~~  
2 ~~live at the pari-mutuel facility on which wagers are accepted.~~

3 (8) METHOD OF WAGERS; LIMITATION.--

4 (b) Each wager ~~The winnings of any player in a single~~  
5 ~~round, hand, or game~~ may not exceed \$10 in value. The fee  
6 charged by the cardroom for participation in the game shall  
7 not be included in the calculation of the limitation on the  
8 pot size provided in this paragraph.

9 (13) TAXES AND OTHER PAYMENTS.--

10 (d) Each greyhound and jai alai permitholder that  
11 ~~which~~ operates a cardroom facility shall utilize at least 10 ~~4~~  
12 percent of such permitholder's cardroom monthly gross receipts  
13 to supplement greyhound purses or jai alai prize money,  
14 respectively, during the permitholder's next ensuing  
15 pari-mutuel meet. Each thoroughbred and harness horse racing  
16 permitholder which operates a cardroom facility shall utilize  
17 at least 50 percent of such permitholder's cardroom monthly  
18 net proceeds as follows: 47 percent to supplement purses and  
19 3 percent to supplement breeders' awards during the  
20 permitholder's next ensuing racing meet.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
22 law.

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24 HOUSE SUMMARY

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26 Revises language with respect to conditions for operating  
27 a cardroom. Provides that a cardroom may be operated only  
28 when the facility is authorized to accept wagers on  
29 pari-mutuel events and must cease operation by 3 a.m. the  
30 day following the pari-mutuel events on which wagers are  
31 accepted by the facility. Increases to 10 percent the  
amount of permitholders' cardroom monthly gross receipts  
which must be used to supplement greyhound purses or jai  
alai prize money. See bill for details.