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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to pari-mutuel wagering;  
3           amending ss. 550.3551, 550.6305, F.S.;  
4           authorizing thoroughbred permitholders when not  
5           conducting current race meets to receive and  
6           accept wagers on direct broadcast of  
7           out-of-state races under specified conditions;  
8           requiring payments to purse accounts; providing  
9           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. Present paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of  
14 subsection (3) of section 550.3551, Florida Statutes, are  
15 redesignated as paragraphs (c), (d), and (e), respectively,  
16 and new paragraphs (a) and (b) are added to that subsection to  
17 read:

18           550.3551 Transmission of racing and jai alai  
19 information; commingling of pari-mutuel pools.--

20           (3) Any horse track licensed under this chapter may  
21 receive broadcasts of horseraces conducted at other horse  
22 racetracks located outside this state at the racetrack  
23 enclosure of the licensee during its racing meet.

24           (a) When a thoroughbred track licensed under this  
25 chapter is not conducting its current race meet it may receive  
26 and accept wagers on direct broadcasts of thoroughbred races  
27 conducted at horse racetracks outside this state if it  
28 receives and accepts wagers on all live thoroughbred races in  
29 this state and:

30           1. It is the only thoroughbred permitholder in its  
31 market area;

1           2. There are no thoroughbred permitholders within the  
2 market area conducting a race meet; or

3           3. It has the permission of any other thoroughbred  
4 permitholder in its market area which is conducting its race  
5 meet.

6           (b) A thoroughbred permitholder not conducting its  
7 current race meet but receiving and accepting wagers on direct  
8 broadcasts of thoroughbred races conducted at horse racetracks  
9 outside this state as authorized under paragraph (a) is  
10 required to pay into its purse account 50 percent of net  
11 income retained by the thoroughbred permitholder on those  
12 wagers.

13           Section 2. Paragraph (g) of subsection (9) of section  
14 550.6305, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15           550.6305 Intertrack wagering; guest track payments;  
16 accounting rules.--

17           (9) A host track that has contracted with an  
18 out-of-state horse track to broadcast live races conducted at  
19 such out-of-state horse track pursuant to s. 550.3551(5) may  
20 broadcast such out-of-state races to any guest track and  
21 accept wagers thereon in the same manner as is provided in s.  
22 550.3551.

23           (g)1. Any thoroughbred permitholder ~~that~~ which accepts  
24 wagers on a simulcast signal during its race meet must make  
25 the signal available to any permitholder that is eligible to  
26 conduct intertrack wagering under the provisions of ss.  
27 550.615-550.6345. However, any thoroughbred permitholder that  
28 is not conducting its current race meet and accepts wagers on  
29 a simulcast signal directly from the out-of-state horsetrack  
30 under s. 550.3551(3)(a)1. or 2. may not rebroadcast the  
31 out-of-state races to permitholders outside its market area,

1 but it is required to and has the exclusive right to offer and  
2 rebroadcast all out-of-state signals to permitholders within  
3 its own market area. Whenever out-of-state races are  
4 exclusively offered to the market area, the guest permitholder  
5 may receive and accept wagers on the out-of-state races only  
6 if it also receives and accepts wagers on all thoroughbred  
7 races in the state.

8           2. Any thoroughbred permitholder which accepts wagers  
9 on a simulcast signal received after 6 p.m. must make such  
10 signal available to any permitholder that is eligible to  
11 conduct intertrack wagering under the provisions of ss.  
12 550.615-550.6345, including any permitholder located as  
13 specified in s. 550.615(6). Such guest permitholders are  
14 authorized to accept wagers on such simulcast signal,  
15 notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the  
16 contrary.

17           3. Any thoroughbred permitholder which accepts wagers  
18 on a simulcast signal received after 6 p.m. must make such  
19 signal available to any permitholder that is eligible to  
20 conduct intertrack wagering under the provisions of ss.  
21 550.615-550.6345, including any permitholder located as  
22 specified in s. 550.615(9). Such guest permitholders are  
23 authorized to accept wagers on such simulcast signals for a  
24 number of performances not to exceed that which constitutes a  
25 full schedule of live races for a quarter horse permitholder  
26 pursuant to s. 550.002(11), notwithstanding any other  
27 provision of this chapter to the contrary, except that the  
28 restrictions provided in s. 550.615(9)(a) apply to wagers on  
29 such simulcast signals.

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1 No thoroughbred permitholder shall be required to continue to  
2 rebroadcast a simulcast signal to any in-state permitholder if  
3 the average per performance gross receipts returned to the  
4 host permitholder over the preceding 30-day period were less  
5 than \$100. Subject to the provisions of s. 550.615(4), as a  
6 condition of receiving rebroadcasts of thoroughbred simulcast  
7 signals under this paragraph, a guest permitholder must accept  
8 intertrack wagers on all live races conducted by all  
9 then-operating thoroughbred permitholders.

10 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
11 law.

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14 SENATE SUMMARY

15 Authorizes a thoroughbred permitholder that is not  
16 conducting its current race meet to receive and accept  
17 wagers on direct broadcast of out-of-state races under  
specified conditions. Requires payment of a percentage of  
net income from those wagers to its purse account.

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