

By Representative Merchant

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to pari-mutuel wagering;
3 amending s. 550.0555, F.S.; providing
4 legislative intent; providing for the
5 relocation of jai alai permittees within a
6 county in the same manner as is currently
7 provided for the relocation of greyhound
8 dogracing permittees within a county; 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. Section 550.0555, Florida Statutes, is
14 amended to read:15 550.0555 Greyhound dogracing and jai alai permits;
16 relocation within a county; conditions.--17 (1) It is the finding of the Legislature that
18 pari-mutuel wagering on greyhound dogracing and jai alai
19 provides substantial revenues to the state. It is the further
20 finding that, in some cases, this revenue-producing ability is
21 hindered due to the lack of provisions allowing the relocation
22 of existing dogracing and jai alai operations. It is
23 therefore declared that state revenues derived from greyhound
24 dogracing and jai alai will continue to be jeopardized if
25 provisions allowing the relocation of such greyhound racing
26 and jai alai permits are not implemented. This enactment is
27 made pursuant to, and for the purpose of, implementing such
28 provisions.29 (2) Any holder of a valid outstanding permit for
30 greyhound dogracing or jai alai in a county in which there is
31 only one dogracing or jai alai permit issued is authorized,

1 without the necessity of an additional county referendum
2 required under s. 550.0651, to move the location for which the
3 permit has been issued to another location within a 30-mile
4 radius of the location fixed in the permit issued in that
5 county, provided the move does not cross the county boundary,
6 that such relocation is approved under the zoning regulations
7 of the county or municipality in which the permit is to be
8 located, and that such move is approved by the department
9 after it is determined at a proceeding pursuant to chapter 120
10 in the county affected that the move is necessary to ensure
11 the revenue-producing capability of the permittee without
12 deteriorating the revenue-producing capability of any other
13 pari-mutuel permittee within 50 miles; the distance shall be
14 measured on a straight line from the nearest property line of
15 one racing plant or jai alai fronton to the nearest property
16 line of the other.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
18 law.

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21 HOUSE SUMMARY

22 Authorizes jai alai permittees to relocate within a
23 county in the same manner as is presently provided by law
24 for the relocation of greyhound dogracing permittees
within a county. See bill for details.

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