

By Representative Fasano

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to pari-mutuel wagering;
 3 amending s. 550.3551, F.S.; authorizing
 4 thoroughbred permitholders when not conducting
 5 current race meets to receive and accept wagers
 6 on direct broadcast of out-of-state races under
 7 specified conditions; requiring payments to
 8 purse accounts; amending s. 550.6305, F.S.;
 9 providing requirements for thoroughbred
 10 permitholders with respect to rebroadcasting
 11 and receiving and accepting wagers on
 12 out-of-state races when not conducting a
 13 current race meet; providing an effective date.

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 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 17 Section 1. Paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of subsection
 18 (3) of section 550.3551, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
 19 paragraphs (c), (d), and (e), respectively, and new paragraphs
 20 (a) and (b) are added to said subsection to read:

21 550.3551 Transmission of racing and jai alai
 22 information; commingling of pari-mutuel pools.--

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

27 (a) When a thoroughbred track licensed under this
 28 chapter is not conducting its current race meet, it may
 29 receive and accept wagers on direct broadcasts of thoroughbred
 30 races conducted at horse racetracks outside this state if it

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1 receives and accepts wagers on all live thoroughbred races in
2 this state and:

3 1. It is the only thoroughbred permitholder in its
4 market area;

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

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

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

17 Section 2. Paragraph (g) of subsection (9) of section
18 550.6305, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

19 550.6305 Intertrack wagering; guest track payments;
20 accounting rules.--

21 (9) A host track that has contracted with an
22 out-of-state horse track to broadcast live races conducted at
23 such out-of-state horse track pursuant to s. 550.3551(5) may
24 broadcast such out-of-state races to any guest track and
25 accept wagers thereon in the same manner as is provided in s.
26 550.3551.

27 (g)1. Any thoroughbred permitholder ~~that~~ which accepts
28 wagers on a simulcast signal during its race meet must make
29 the signal available to any permitholder that is eligible to
30 conduct intertrack wagering under the provisions of ss.
31 550.615-550.6345. However, any thoroughbred permitholder that

1 is not conducting its current race meet and accepts wagers on
2 a simulcast signal directly from the out-of-state horse track
3 under s. 550.3551(3)(a)1. or 2. may not rebroadcast the
4 out-of-state races to permitholders outside its market area,
5 but it is required to and has the exclusive right to offer and
6 rebroadcast all out-of-state signals to permitholders within
7 its own market area. Whenever out-of-state races are
8 exclusively offered to the market area, the guest permitholder
9 may receive and accept wagers on the out-of-state races only
10 if it also receives and accepts wagers on all thoroughbred
11 races in the state.

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

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

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

13 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
14 law.

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17 HOUSE SUMMARY

18 Authorizes a thoroughbred permitholder that is not
19 conducting its current race meet to receive and accept
20 wagers on direct broadcast of out-of-state races under
21 specified conditions. Requires payment of a percentage of
22 net income from those wagers to its purse account.
23 Provides requirements for rebroadcasting out-of-state
24 races.
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