

By the Committee on Regulated Industries and Senator Wasserman Schultz

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to greyhound adoptions;
3 requiring dogracing permitholders to provide a
4 greyhound-adoption booth at each dogracing
5 facility in the state; requiring that the booth
6 be operated by certain qualified persons on
7 weekends; requiring that information concerning
8 the adoption of a greyhound be made available
9 to the public at the facility; requiring the
10 permitholder to provide adoption information in
11 racing programs and identify greyhounds that
12 will become available for adoption; authorizing
13 the permitholder to hold an additional charity
14 day that is designated as "Greyhound
15 Adopt-A-Pet Day"; requiring that profits
16 derived from the charity day be used to fund
17 activities promoting the adoption of
18 greyhounds; authorizing the Division of
19 Pari-mutuel Wagering within the Department of
20 Business and Professional Regulation to adopt
21 rules; providing penalties; amending s.
22 550.1647, F.S., relating to unclaimed tickets
23 and breaks with respect to greyhound racing;
24 defining the term "bona fide organization that
25 promotes or encourages the adoption of
26 greyhounds"; providing an effective date.

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

30 Section 1. Greyhound adoptions.--

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1 (1) Each dogracing permitholder operating a dogracing
2 facility in this state shall provide for a greyhound-adoption
3 booth to be located at the facility and operated during the
4 hours the facility is open to the public. The
5 greyhound-adoption booth must be operated on weekends by
6 personnel or volunteers from a recognized greyhound-adoption
7 organization who are qualified to provide information to the
8 public concerning the adoption of a greyhound. As used in this
9 section, the term "weekend" includes the hours between 5 p.m.
10 on Friday evening and 12 a.m. on Sunday morning. Information
11 pamphlets and application forms shall be provided to the
12 public upon request. In addition, the kennel operator or owner
13 shall notify the permitholder that a greyhound is available
14 for adoption and the permitholder shall provide information
15 concerning the adoption of a greyhound in each race program
16 and shall post adoption information at conspicuous locations
17 throughout the dogracing facility. Any greyhound that is
18 participating in a race and that will be available for future
19 adoption must be noted in the race program. The permitholder
20 shall allow greyhounds to be walked through the track facility
21 to publicize the greyhound-adoption program.

22 (2) In addition to the charity days authorized under
23 section 550.0351, Florida Statutes, a greyhound permitholder
24 may fund the greyhound-adoption program by holding a charity
25 racing day designated as "Greyhound Adopt-A-Pet Day." All
26 profits derived from the operation of the charity day must be
27 placed into a fund used to support activities at the racing
28 facility which promote the adoption of greyhounds. The
29 division may adopt rules for administering the fund. Proceeds
30 from the charity day authorized in this subsection may not be
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1 used as a source of funds for the purposes set forth in s.
2 550.1647.

3 (3)(a) Upon a violation of this section by a
4 permitholder or licensee, the division or judge at a dogracing
5 facility may impose one or more of the following penalties:

6 1. Suspension or permanent revocation of the
7 permitholder's license or permit.

8 2. Imposition of an administrative fine, which may not
9 exceed \$5,000 for each separate offense.

10 3. Stipulation that the permitholder take corrective
11 action.

12 (b) A penalty imposed under this subsection does not
13 exclude a prosecution for cruelty to animals or for any other
14 criminal act.

15 Section 2. Section 550.1647, Florida Statutes, is
16 amended to read:

17 550.1647 Greyhound permitholders; unclaimed tickets;
18 breaks.--All money or other property represented by any
19 unclaimed, uncashed, or abandoned pari-mutuel ticket which has
20 remained in the custody of or under the control of any
21 permitholder authorized to conduct greyhound racing
22 pari-mutuel pools in this state for a period of 1 year after
23 the date the pari-mutuel ticket was issued, if the rightful
24 owner or owners thereof have made no claim or demand for such
25 money or other property within that period of time, shall,
26 with respect to live races conducted by the permitholder, be
27 remitted to the state pursuant to s. 550.1645; however, such
28 permitholder shall be entitled to a credit in each state
29 fiscal year in an amount equal to the actual amount remitted
30 in the prior state fiscal year which may be applied against
31 any taxes imposed pursuant to this chapter. In addition, each

1 | permitholder shall pay, from any source, including the
2 | proceeds from performances conducted pursuant to s. 550.0351,
3 | an amount not less than 10 percent of the amount of the credit
4 | provided by this section to any bona fide organization that
5 | promotes or encourages the adoption of greyhounds. As used in
6 | this section, the term "bona fide organization that promotes
7 | or encourages the adoption of greyhounds" means any
8 | organization that provides evidence of compliance with chapter
9 | 496 and possesses a valid exemption from federal taxation
10 | issued by the Internal Revenue Service.

11 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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13 | STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
14 | COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
15 | SB 1692

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17 | -Limits the requirement that permitholders operate on-site
18 | adoption booths to weekends, and allows volunteers from a
19 | greyhound adoption organization to operate that booth.

20 | -Kennel operators or greyhound owners must provide information
21 | to permitholders who must publish such information in the
22 | program, that a particular greyhound that is participating in
23 | a race is available for future adoption.

24 | -Permitholders must allow greyhounds to be walked through the
25 | track facility to publicize the greyhound adoption program but
26 | no longer requires greyhounds that are available for adoption
27 | to be so identified and walked through the track facility.

28 | -Requires proceeds from the Greyhound Adopt-a-Pet Day to be
29 | placed in a fund and authorizes the Division to adopt rules
30 | for administering the fund.

31 | -Provides limits for use of the charity day proceeds.

-Authorizes the Division to impose penalties.

-Defines the term "bona fide organization that promotes or
encourages the adoption of greyhounds" as used in s. 550.1647,
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