

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

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29 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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1 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Debbie
2 Wasserman Schultz Act."

3 Section 2. Greyhound adoptions.--

4 (1) Each dogracing permitholder operating a dogracing
5 facility in this state shall provide for a greyhound-adoption
6 booth to be located at the facility. The greyhound-adoption
7 booth must be operated on weekends by personnel or volunteers
8 from a bona fide organization that promotes or encourages the
9 adoption of greyhounds pursuant to section 550.1647, Florida
10 Statutes. As used in this section, the term "weekend" includes
11 the hours during which live greyhound racing is conducted on
12 Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. Information pamphlets and
13 application forms shall be provided to the public upon
14 request. In addition, the kennel operator or owner shall
15 notify the permitholder that a greyhound is available for
16 adoption and the permitholder shall provide information
17 concerning the adoption of a greyhound in each race program
18 and shall post adoption information at conspicuous locations
19 throughout the dogracing facility. Any greyhound that is
20 participating in a race and that will be available for future
21 adoption must be noted in the race program. The permitholder
22 shall allow greyhounds to be walked through the track facility
23 to publicize the greyhound-adoption program.

24 (2) In addition to the charity days authorized under
25 section 550.0351, Florida Statutes, a greyhound permitholder
26 may fund the greyhound-adoption program by holding a charity
27 racing day designated as "Greyhound Adopt-A-Pet Day." All
28 profits derived from the operation of the charity day must be
29 placed into a fund used to support activities at the racing
30 facility which promote the adoption of greyhounds. The
31 division may adopt rules for administering the fund. Proceeds

1 from the charity day authorized in this subsection may not be
2 used as a source of funds for the purposes set forth in
3 section 550.1647, Florida Statutes.

4 (3)(a) Upon a violation of this section by a
5 permitholder or licensee, the division may impose a penalty as
6 provided in section 550.0251(10), Florida Statutes, and
7 require the permitholder to take corrective action.

8 (b) A penalty imposed under section 550.0251(10),
9 Florida Statutes, does not exclude a prosecution for cruelty
10 to animals or for any other criminal act.

11 Section 3. Section 550.1647, Florida Statutes, is
12 amended to read:

13 550.1647 Greyhound permitholders; unclaimed tickets;
14 breaks.--All money or other property represented by any
15 unclaimed, uncashed, or abandoned pari-mutuel ticket which has
16 remained in the custody of or under the control of any
17 permitholder authorized to conduct greyhound racing
18 pari-mutuel pools in this state for a period of 1 year after
19 the date the pari-mutuel ticket was issued, if the rightful
20 owner or owners thereof have made no claim or demand for such
21 money or other property within that period of time, shall,
22 with respect to live races conducted by the permitholder, be
23 remitted to the state pursuant to s. 550.1645; however, such
24 permitholder shall be entitled to a credit in each state
25 fiscal year in an amount equal to the actual amount remitted
26 in the prior state fiscal year which may be applied against
27 any taxes imposed pursuant to this chapter. In addition, each
28 permitholder shall pay, from any source, including the
29 proceeds from performances conducted pursuant to s. 550.0351,
30 an amount not less than 10 percent of the amount of the credit
31 provided by this section to any bona fide organization that

1 promotes or encourages the adoption of greyhounds. As used in
2 this section, the term "bona fide organization that promotes
3 or encourages the adoption of greyhounds" means any
4 organization that provides evidence of compliance with chapter
5 496 and possesses a valid exemption from federal taxation
6 issued by the Internal Revenue Service. Such bona fide
7 organization, as a condition of adoption, must provide
8 sterilization of greyhounds by a licensed veterinarian before
9 relinquishing custody of the greyhound to the adoptor. The fee
10 for sterilization may be included in the cost of adoption.

11 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.
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