

By Senator Haridopolos

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to gambling; prohibiting  
3           certain gambling activity from being conducted  
4           on vessels that embark and disembark within the  
5           state; providing a penalty; providing an  
6           effective date.

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8           WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to  
9           prohibit gambling in violation of chapter 849, Florida  
10          Statutes, on vessels that operate from ports within this state  
11          and that do not make an intervening stop within the boundaries  
12          of another state or possession of the United States or a  
13          foreign country at which passengers could disembark, NOW,  
14          THEREFORE,

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

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18                   Section 1. (1) Effective January 1, 2004, a person  
19                   may not allow gambling activity in violation of chapter 849,  
20                   Florida Statutes, to be conducted on any vessel that such  
21                   person manages, supervises, controls, operates, or owns,  
22                   within or without the waters of this state, if the vessel  
23                   embarks from this state and disembarks within this state  
24                   without making an intervening stop in another state or  
25                   possession of the United States or a foreign country at which  
26                   passengers could disembark.

27                   (2) A person who violates this section commits a  
28                   felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in section  
29                   775.082, section 775.083, or section 775.084, Florida  
30                   Statutes.

31                   Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Prohibits gambling on certain vessels that embark and disembark from this state without making an intervening stop in another state, possession, or foreign country where passengers could disembark. Prescribes a penalty.