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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to video lotteries; amending s.  
3           24.103, F.S.; providing definitions; amending  
4           s. 24.105, F.S.; providing powers and duties of  
5           the Department of the Lottery pertaining to  
6           video lottery games; creating s. 24.125, F.S.;  
7           providing for the adoption of rules; creating  
8           s. 24.126, F.S.; prohibiting certain persons  
9           from playing video lottery games; providing  
10          penalties; creating s. 24.127, F.S.; providing  
11          requirements for the operation of video lottery  
12          games; providing penalties; providing for the  
13          adoption of rules; providing for the  
14          distribution of proceeds from such games;  
15          creating s. 24.128, F.S.; providing for the  
16          licensure of video lottery terminal vendors;  
17          creating s. 24.129, F.S.; prohibiting certain  
18          local zoning ordinances; creating s. 24.130,  
19          F.S.; providing requirements for video lottery  
20          terminals; creating s. 24.131, F.S.; requiring  
21          video lottery terminal vendors to establish  
22          training programs for employees who service  
23          such terminals; requiring departmental approval  
24          of such programs; providing certification  
25          requirements of such employees; providing for  
26          the adoption of rules; creating s. 24.132,  
27          F.S.; providing guidelines for administering  
28          the Video Lottery Purse Trust Fund; providing  
29          for the adoption of rules; creating s. 24.133,  
30          F.S., relating to the distribution of funds  
31          from the Video Lottery Thoroughbred Trust Fund;

1 requiring certain uses of distributed funds;  
2 creating s. 24.134, F.S.; requiring operators  
3 of facilities where video lottery games are  
4 conducted to post certain warning signs and  
5 print warnings on daily racing programs  
6 regarding compulsive gambling; amending s.  
7 212.02, F.S.; excluding video lottery terminals  
8 from the definition of "coin-operated amusement  
9 machine" for purposes of the sales and use tax;  
10 requiring the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental  
11 Health Program Office within the Department of  
12 Children and Family Services to establish a  
13 compulsive gambling program; providing an  
14 effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Subsections (7), (8), (9), and (10) are  
19 added to section 24.103, Florida Statutes, to read:

20 24.103 Definitions.--As used in this act:

21 (7) "Video lottery game" means an electronically  
22 simulated game involving any element of chance which is played  
23 on a video lottery terminal that, upon insertion of cash,  
24 tokens, credits, or vouchers, is available to play or simulate  
25 a lottery-type game, including line-up games using a video  
26 display and microprocessors and in which, by means of an  
27 element of chance, a player may receive credits that can be  
28 redeemed for cash. "Video lottery game" also means an  
29 electronically simulated game involving elements of chance and  
30 skill which is played on a video lottery terminal that, upon  
31 insertion of cash, tokens, credits, or vouchers, is available

1 to play or simulate the play of traditional card games,  
2 including video poker, which uses a cathode ray tube or video  
3 display screen and microprocessors, and in which the player  
4 may win credits that can be redeemed for cash. "Video lottery  
5 game" also includes a progressive game, which is any game in  
6 which a jackpot grows and accumulates as it is being played on  
7 a video lottery terminal or a network of video lottery  
8 terminals, and in which the outcome is randomly determined by  
9 the play of video lottery terminals linked by a central  
10 network. A video lottery terminal may use spinning reels or  
11 video displays.

12 (8) "Video lottery terminal vendor" means any person  
13 approved by the department who provides the video lottery  
14 terminals to a video lottery retailer or provides computer  
15 equipment or software related to video lottery terminals to  
16 the department.

17 (9) "Net terminal income" means currency or other  
18 consideration placed into a video lottery terminal, less  
19 credits redeemed by players.

20 (10) "Video lottery retailer" means any person who  
21 possesses a pari-mutuel permit issued under chapter 550 on or  
22 before July 1, 2002, and who conducted a full schedule of live  
23 jai alai games or live greyhound, thoroughbred horse, or  
24 harness racing as defined in s. 550.002 in the prior calendar  
25 year, or any person who is authorized to receive broadcasts of  
26 horseraces under s. 550.6308. The term also includes a  
27 thoroughbred permitholder that failed to operate all  
28 performances under its license for 2002-2003, that has  
29 retained or regained its permit and license, and that conducts  
30 a full schedule of live racing as defined in s. 550.002.

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1           Section 2. Subsections (21) through (26) are added to  
2 section 24.105, Florida Statutes, to read:

3           24.105 Powers and duties of department.--The  
4 department shall:

5           (21) Have in place the capacity to support video  
6 lottery games at facilities of video lottery retailers by  
7 October 1, 2003.

8           (22) Hear and decide promptly and in reasonable order  
9 all license applications or proceedings for suspension or  
10 revocation of licenses.

11           (23) Collect and disburse revenue due the department  
12 as described in this chapter.

13           (24) Certify net terminal income by inspecting  
14 records, conducting audits, or any other reasonable means.

15           (25) Provide a list of approved vendors and maintain a  
16 current list of all contracts between video lottery terminal  
17 vendors and video lottery retailers.

18           (26) Approve or disapprove applications to operate as  
19 a video lottery retailer within 30 days after receipt of the  
20 application.

21           Section 3. Section 24.125, Florida Statutes, is  
22 created to read:

23           24.125 Rules authorized.--The department may adopt  
24 rules relating to:

25           (1) The regulation of video lottery retailers and  
26 video lottery products.

27           (2) Specifications for video lottery terminals to be  
28 approved and authorized as the department considers necessary  
29 to maintain the integrity of video lottery games and  
30 terminals. Initial rules sufficient to permit the operation of  
31 video lotteries and the licensing of video lottery retailers

1 shall be adopted no later than July 1, 2003. The department  
2 may not provide specifications that would result in reducing  
3 to fewer than four the number of video lottery terminal  
4 vendors who supply terminals.

5 (3) The licensure and regulation of video lottery  
6 terminal vendors. The department may not approve as a video  
7 lottery terminal vendor any person who has an interest in a  
8 video lottery retailer or a business relationship with a video  
9 lottery retailer other than as a vendor or lessor of video  
10 lottery terminals.

11 Section 4. Section 24.126, Florida Statutes, is  
12 created to read:

13 24.126 Video lottery; minimum age.--

14 (1) A person who is less than 18 years of age may not  
15 play a video lottery game.

16 (2) Each video lottery retailer shall post a clear and  
17 conspicuous sign on all video lottery terminals which states:

18 THE USE OF A VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL BY PERSONS

19 UNDER THE AGE OF 18 IS AGAINST FLORIDA LAW.

20 PROOF OF AGE IS REQUIRED FOR USE.

21 (3) Any person who violates this section commits a  
22 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.  
23 775.082 or s. 775.083.

24 Section 5. Section 24.127, Florida Statutes, is  
25 created to read:

26 24.127 Video lottery games.--

27 (1) Video lottery games may be offered by a video  
28 lottery retailer only at its pari-mutuel facility. During any  
29 calendar year in which a video lottery retailer maintains  
30 video lottery terminals, the retailer must conduct a full  
31 schedule of live racing or games as defined in s. 550.002 or

1 be authorized to receive broadcasts of horse races pursuant to  
2 s. 550.6308. The department may waive such requirements upon a  
3 showing that the failure to conduct such games resulted from a  
4 natural disaster or other acts beyond the control of the  
5 permitholder. If the retailer fails to comply with the  
6 requirement to conduct a full schedule of races or games, the  
7 department shall order the retailer to suspend its video  
8 lottery operation. The department may assess an administrative  
9 fine not to exceed \$5,000 per video lottery terminal, per day,  
10 against any retailer who fails to suspend its video lottery  
11 operation when ordered by the department. The department may  
12 enforce a suspension order or any administrative fine as  
13 provided in s. 120.69. Each video lottery retailer shall post  
14 a bond payable to the state in an amount determined by the  
15 department which is sufficient to guarantee the payment of  
16 revenue due in any payment period.

17 (2) Each video lottery terminal retailer shall notify  
18 the department prior to operating video lottery games.

19 (3) To facilitate the auditing and security programs  
20 critical to the integrity of the video lottery system, the  
21 department shall have overall control of the entire system.  
22 Each video lottery terminal shall be linked, directly or  
23 indirectly, to a computer system under the control of the  
24 department.

25 (4) The department shall determine, by rule, the  
26 method by which cash receipts will be electronically validated  
27 and redeemed.

28 (5) Video lottery games may be played at an authorized  
29 video lottery retailer's facility even if the retailer is not  
30 conducting a pari-mutuel event.

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1       (6) Video lottery games shall pay out a minimum of 88  
2 percent and no more than 99 percent of the amount of cash,  
3 tokens, credits, or vouchers put into a video lottery  
4 terminal. The department may permit the payment of a lesser  
5 percentage if requested by a video lottery retailer and the  
6 department has determined that the payment of a minimum of 88  
7 percent is not financially viable at the location and that the  
8 total amount of net revenue payable to the state will not be  
9 negatively impacted. Such percentages shall be measured on an  
10 annual basis.

11       (7) Income derived from video lottery operations is  
12 not subject to s. 24.121. The allocation of net terminal  
13 income derived from video lottery games shall be as follows:

14       (a) Thirty-two percent to the Video Lottery  
15 Administrative Trust Fund for transfer to the Education  
16 Enhancement Trust Fund.

17       (b) Two percent to the Video Lottery Administrative  
18 Trust Fund for transfer in equal shares to the counties in  
19 which the pari-mutuel facilities having video lottery  
20 terminals are located. If any pari-mutuel facility having  
21 video lottery terminals is located within an incorporated  
22 municipality, 25 percent of the equal share of the 2 percent  
23 otherwise to be transferred to the county in which the  
24 facility is located shall instead be transferred to the  
25 municipality.

26       (c) Two percent to the Video Lottery Administrative  
27 Trust Fund for transfer to the Administrative Trust Fund.

28       (d) Eight percent to the Video Lottery Administrative  
29 Trust Fund for transfer to the Video Lottery Purse Trust Fund,  
30 to be distributed pursuant to s. 24.132.

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1           (e) To the Video Lottery Administrative Trust Fund for  
2 transfer to the Department of Children and Family Services,  
3 0.25 percent for the establishment and administration of a  
4 treatment program for compulsive gambling.

5           (f) If the video lottery retailer holds a valid  
6 harness racing permit under chapter 550, 6 percent of its net  
7 terminal income shall be distributed by the video lottery  
8 retailer as purses for live performances conducted at the  
9 video lottery retailer's pari-mutuel facility in accordance  
10 with chapter 550.

11           (g) If the video lottery retailer holds a valid jai  
12 alai permit under chapter 550, 6 percent of its net terminal  
13 income shall be distributed by the video lottery retailer as  
14 purses for live performances conducted at the video lottery  
15 retailer's pari-mutuel facility in accordance with chapter  
16 550.

17           (h) If the video lottery retailer holds a valid  
18 greyhound racing permit under chapter 550, 6 percent of its  
19 net terminal income shall be distributed by the video lottery  
20 retailer as purses for live performances conducted at the  
21 video lottery retailer's pari-mutuel facility in accordance  
22 with chapter 550.

23           (i) To be retained by the video lottery retailer as  
24 compensation:

25           1. If a valid thoroughbred permitholder under chapter  
26 550, 51.75 percent to be distributed as provided in paragraph

27 (j).

28           2. If a valid holder of a permit other than a  
29 thoroughbred permit, 45.75 percent.

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1           3. If the holder of a license issued pursuant to s.  
2 550.6308, 51.75 percent to be distributed as provided in  
3 paragraph (k).

4           (j) If the video lottery retailer holds a valid  
5 thoroughbred racing permit under chapter 550, of the remaining  
6 net terminal income generated at its facility:

7           1. 3.3 percent shall be distributed for use as Florida  
8 thoroughbred breeders' and stallion awards pursuant to ss.  
9 550.26165 and 550.2625, subject to the fee provided in s.  
10 550.2625(3). From the funds to be distributed pursuant to this  
11 subparagraph, one-half shall be used for awards to owners of  
12 registered Florida-bred thoroughbred horses participating in  
13 prescribed thoroughbred stakes races, nonstakes races, or  
14 both, in accordance with a written agreement establishing the  
15 rate, procedure, and eligibility requirements for such awards  
16 entered into by the permitholder, the Florida Thoroughbred  
17 Breeders' Association, and the Florida Horsemen's Benevolent  
18 and Protective Association, Inc., or the association  
19 representing a majority of the thoroughbred racehorse owners  
20 and trainers at the video lottery retailer's pari-mutuel  
21 facility.

22           2. 0.25 percent shall be distributed as provided by  
23 written agreement between the video lottery retailer and the  
24 Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association or  
25 the association representing a majority of the thoroughbred  
26 racehorse owners and trainers at the video lottery retailer's  
27 pari-mutuel facility. All funds to be distributed under this  
28 subparagraph shall be used exclusively to fund equine drug and  
29 medication research or related equine research at the  
30 University of Florida, including required capital  
31 improvements, and for medical, dental, surgical, financial, or

1 retirement benefits for occupational licensees who are  
2 employed in connection with the conduct of live thoroughbred  
3 racing in this state, but who are not permitholders'  
4 employees.

5 3. 96.45 percent shall be distributed as provided by  
6 written agreement between the video lottery retailer and the  
7 Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association or  
8 the association representing a majority of the thoroughbred  
9 racehorse owners and trainers at the video lottery retailer's  
10 pari-mutuel facility. The written agreement shall consider the  
11 cost and expenses for capital improvements and operating costs  
12 of the video lottery retailer and purses to be paid on live  
13 performances and shall be reasonable in accordance with  
14 industry standards applied to similar circumstances in other  
15 states.

16 (k) If the video lottery retailer holds a license  
17 issued pursuant to s. 550.6308, of the remaining net terminal  
18 income generated at its facility:

19 1. 3.3 percent shall be distributed for use as Florida  
20 thoroughbred breeders' and stallion awards pursuant to ss.  
21 550.26165 and 550.2625, subject to the fee provided in s.  
22 550.2625(3).

23 2. 96.7 percent shall be distributed as provided by  
24 written agreement between the video lottery retailer and the  
25 Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' Association. A video lottery  
26 retailer required to enter into a contract by this  
27 subparagraph may not conduct video lottery games unless such  
28 contract is in effect. All funds not retained by the video  
29 lottery retailer under any such contract shall be used  
30 exclusively for awards to thoroughbred breeders, owners, and  
31 stallion owners pursuant to ss. 550.26165 and 550.2625,

1 subject to the fee provided in s. 550.2625(3); for general  
2 promotion of the industry; and for the University of Florida  
3 College of Veterinary Medicine for the purpose of funding the  
4 operations of the Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering laboratory,  
5 as referenced in s. 550.2415, and for the College's Equine  
6 Department for the purchase of equipment and supplies and for  
7 equine research.

8 (8) The allocation provided in subsection (7) shall be  
9 made weekly. Amounts allocated pursuant to paragraphs  
10 (7)(a)-(e) shall be remitted to the department by electronic  
11 transfer within 24 hours after the allocation is determined.  
12 If live meets were conducted at the pari-mutuel facility of  
13 the video lottery retailer during the weekly period for which  
14 the allocation is made, the portion of the allocation to be  
15 distributed pursuant to paragraphs (7)(f), (g), and (h) shall  
16 be paid as purses for those live meets. If no live meets were  
17 conducted at the pari-mutuel facility during the weekly period  
18 for which the allocation is made, the distribution of purse  
19 money shall be made during the next ensuing meet. The interest  
20 income on funds required to be distributed under paragraphs  
21 (7)(f), (g), and (h) prior to their distribution as purses  
22 shall be distributed by the video lottery retailer as purses  
23 for live performances conducted at the video lottery  
24 retailer's pari-mutuel facility in accordance with chapter  
25 550.

26 (9) Any person who, with intent to do so, manipulates  
27 or attempts to manipulate the outcome, payoff, or operation of  
28 a video lottery terminal by physical or electronic tampering  
29 or other means commits a felony of the third degree,  
30 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.  
31 775.084.

1           (10) Notwithstanding s. 24.115, each video lottery  
2 retailer is responsible for payment of video lottery prizes.

3           (11) In any area or room in a facility in which a  
4 video lottery terminal is placed, the video lottery retailer  
5 shall also place video monitors displaying any live races or  
6 games of that facility being conducted, or displaying  
7 available simulcast races or games if no live races or games  
8 are being conducted at the facility. In each area or room, the  
9 retailer shall also provide a means by which patrons may wager  
10 on pari-mutuel activity.

11           Section 6. Section 24.128, Florida Statutes, is  
12 created to read:

13           24.128 Licensure of video lottery terminal  
14 vendors.--Video lottery terminal vendors shall be licensed by  
15 the department by July 1, 2003, and, by October 1, 2003, the  
16 department shall adopt rules governing such licensure. The  
17 department may not license any person as a video lottery  
18 terminal vendor who has an interest in a video lottery  
19 retailer or a business relationship with a video lottery  
20 retailer other than as a vendor or lessor of video lottery  
21 terminals.

22           Section 7. Section 24.129, Florida Statutes, is  
23 created to read:

24           24.129 Local zoning of pari-mutuel facilities.--The  
25 installation, operation, or use of a video lottery terminal on  
26 any property where pari-mutuel operations were or would have  
27 been lawful under any county or municipal zoning ordinance on  
28 July 1, 1997, does not change the character of the use of such  
29 property and may not be prohibited by any local zoning  
30 ordinance.

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1           Section 8. Section 24.130, Florida Statutes, is  
2 created to read:

3           24.130 Video lottery terminals.--

4           (1) Video lottery terminals may not be offered for use  
5 or play in this state unless approved by the department.

6           (2) Video lottery terminals approved for use in this  
7 state shall:

8           (a) Be protected against manipulation to affect the  
9 random probabilities of winning plays.

10           (b) Have one or more mechanisms that accept coins,  
11 currency, tokens, or vouchers in exchange for game credits.  
12 Such mechanisms must be designed to prevent players from  
13 obtaining credits by means of physical tampering.

14           (c) Be capable of suspending play until reset at the  
15 direction of the department as a result of physical tampering.

16           (d) Be capable of being linked to the department's  
17 central computer communications system to audit the operation,  
18 financial data, and program information, as required by the  
19 department.

20           Section 9. Section 24.131, Florida Statutes, is  
21 created to read:

22           24.131 Video lottery terminal training program.--

23           (1) Every licensed video lottery terminal vendor shall  
24 submit a training program for the service and maintenance of  
25 such terminals and equipment for approval by the department.  
26 The training program must include an outline of the training  
27 curriculum, a list of instructors and their qualifications, a  
28 copy of the instructional materials, and the dates, times, and  
29 location of training classes. A service and maintenance  
30 program may not be held unless approved by the department.

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1           (2) Every video lottery terminal service employee must  
2 complete the requirements of the manufacturer's training  
3 program before performing service, maintenance, or repairs on  
4 video lottery terminals or associated equipment. Upon the  
5 successful completion of the training program by an employee,  
6 the department shall issue a certificate authorizing such  
7 employee to service, maintain, and repair video lottery  
8 terminals and associated equipment. A certificate of  
9 completion may not be issued to any person until the  
10 department determines that such person has completed the  
11 required training. Before being certified as a video lottery  
12 terminal service employee, a person must pass a background  
13 investigation conducted by the department. The department may  
14 revoke certification upon finding a person in violation of any  
15 provision of this chapter or a department rule.

16           (3) The department may adopt rules regarding the  
17 training, qualifications, and certification of video lottery  
18 terminal service employees.

19           Section 10. Section 24.132, Florida Statutes, is  
20 created to read:

21           24.132 Administration of the Video Lottery Purse Trust  
22 Fund.--

23           (1) Fifty-eight percent of the proceeds of the Video  
24 Lottery Purse Trust Fund shall be transferred to the Video  
25 Lottery Thoroughbred Trust Fund.

26           (2) Forty-two percent of the proceeds of the Video  
27 Lottery Purse Trust Fund shall be distributed to pari-mutuel  
28 permitholders to be distributed as purses at their respective  
29 pari-mutuel facilities as follows:

30           (a) Eight percent to holders of valid harness racing  
31 permits.

1           (b) Seven percent to holders of valid jai alai  
2 permits.

3           (c) Twenty-seven percent to holders of valid greyhound  
4 racing permits.

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6 Each permitholder entitled to receive distributions shall  
7 receive a percentage of the amount to be distributed which is  
8 determined by dividing the amounts paid in purses by such  
9 permitholder during the state fiscal year 2001-2002 by the  
10 amount of purses paid by all permitholders of the same type  
11 statewide during state fiscal year 2001-2002.

12           (3) All proceeds distributed under this section are in  
13 addition to and supplement the other funds set forth in this  
14 chapter for use as purses, awards, and, in the case of jai  
15 alai, player compensation.

16           (4) Of amounts to be distributed pursuant to this  
17 section and s. 24.127(7)(h) to persons holding valid greyhound  
18 racing permits, 10 percent of such sums shall be distributed  
19 as additional purses on all live races at each facility for  
20 Florida-bred greyhounds in a manner similar to the  
21 distribution of regular purses and in accordance with rules  
22 adopted by the division.

23           (5) Of amounts to be distributed pursuant to this  
24 section and s. 24.127(7)(f) to persons holding valid harness  
25 racing permits, 6.6 percent of such sums shall be distributed  
26 for payment of breeders' awards, stallion awards, and stallion  
27 stakes, and for additional expenditures, including, but not  
28 limited to, medical, dental, surgical, life, funeral, and  
29 disability insurance and retirement benefits for occupational  
30 licensees who work at tracks in this state in which harness  
31 horse races are conducted, pursuant to ss. 550.26165 and

1 550.2625. The Florida Standardbred Breeders and Owners  
2 Association may, in accordance with s. 550.2625(4), deduct a  
3 fee for administering the payment of awards and for general  
4 promotion of the industry.

5 (6) The department may adopt rules to provide for the  
6 equitable distribution of funds by permitholders for purses,  
7 awards, or jai alai player compensation.

8 Section 11. Section 24.133, Florida Statutes, is  
9 created to read:

10 24.133 Distribution of funds from Video Lottery  
11 Thoroughbred Trust Fund.--The proceeds of the Video Lottery  
12 Thoroughbred Trust Fund shall be distributed as follows:

13 (1) 6.6 percent for use as Florida thoroughbred  
14 breeders' and stallion awards pursuant to ss. 550.26165 and  
15 550.2625, subject to the fee provided in s. 550.2625(3).

16 (2) The remainder shall be divided proportionally  
17 among the thoroughbred permitholders conducting live racing  
18 for use as purses, based upon a formula determined by dividing  
19 the amount paid in purses by each such thoroughbred  
20 permitholder during the prior state fiscal year by the amount  
21 of purses paid by all such thoroughbred permitholders  
22 statewide during the prior state fiscal year. However, 8.5  
23 percent of such funds must be used for Florida owners' awards  
24 pursuant to s. 550.2625(2)(e), unless agreed otherwise in  
25 writing between the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' Association  
26 and the Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective  
27 Association, Inc., or the association representing a majority  
28 of the thoroughbred racehorse owners and trainers at that  
29 location.

30 Section 12. Section 24.134, Florida Statutes, is  
31 created to read:



1           24.134 Notice of availability of assistance for  
2 compulsive gambling required.--

3           (1) The owner of each facility at which video lottery  
4 games are conducted shall post signs with the statement "IF  
5 YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A GAMBLING PROBLEM, HELP IS  
6 AVAILABLE. CALL 1-800-426-7711." Such signs must be posted  
7 within 50 feet of each entrance and exit and within 50 feet of  
8 each credit location within the facility.

9           (2) Each pari-mutuel facility licensee who operates as  
10 a video lottery retailer shall print the statement "IF YOU OR  
11 SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A GAMBLING PROBLEM, HELP IS AVAILABLE.  
12 CALL 1-800-426-7711" on all daily racing programs provided to  
13 the general public.

14           Section 13. Subsection (24) of section 212.02, Florida  
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16           212.02 Definitions.--The following terms and phrases  
17 when used in this chapter have the meanings ascribed to them  
18 in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a  
19 different meaning:

20           (24) "Coin-operated amusement machine" means any  
21 machine operated by coin, slug, token, coupon, or similar  
22 device for the purposes of entertainment or amusement. The  
23 term includes, but is not limited to, coin-operated pinball  
24 machines, music machines, juke boxes, mechanical games, video  
25 games, arcade games, billiard tables, moving picture viewers,  
26 shooting galleries, and all other similar amusement devices.  
27 However, the term does not include a video lottery terminal  
28 operated pursuant to chapter 24.

29           Section 14. Compulsive gambling program.--The Alcohol,  
30 Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Program Office within the  
31 Department of Children and Family Services shall establish a

1 program for public education, awareness, and training  
2 regarding problem and compulsive gambling and the treatment  
3 and prevention of problem and compulsive gambling. The program  
4 shall include:

5 (1) Maintenance of a compulsive gambling advocacy  
6 organization's toll-free problem-gambling telephone number to  
7 provide crisis counseling and referral services to families  
8 experiencing difficulty as a result of problem or compulsive  
9 gambling.

10 (2) The promotion of public awareness regarding the  
11 recognition and prevention of problem or compulsive gambling.

12 (3) Facilitation, through in-service training and  
13 other means, of the availability of effective assistance  
14 programs for problem and compulsive gamblers and family  
15 members affected by problem and compulsive gambling.

16 (4) Studies to identify adults and juveniles in this  
17 state who are or are at risk of becoming problem or compulsive  
18 gamblers.

19 Section 15. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
20 law.

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23 SENATE SUMMARY

24 Provides for the establishment and operation of video  
25 lottery games to be conducted at pari-mutuel facilities.  
26 Provides for a portion of the income from video lottery  
27 games to be transferred to the Education Enhancement  
28 Trust Fund and to the counties where video lottery  
29 terminals are located. Provides additional funds for  
30 pari-mutuel purses. Revises the regulation of intertrack  
wagering. Requires video lottery retailers to provide  
notice of a toll-free problem-gambling hotline. Requires  
the Department of Children and Family Services to  
establish a program for treating and preventing  
compulsive gambling. (See bill for details.)