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An act relating to pari-mutuel wagering; amending s. 2 550.3551, F.S.; removing a restriction on receiving 3 4 certain broadcasts of horseraces conducted at other described horse racetracks; clarifying provisions relating 5 to a licensed horse racetrack receiving and engaging in б pari-mutuel wagering on simulcast horseraces; amending s. 7 550.5251, F.S.; removing certain restrictions on when 8 certain horseraces, cardroom operations, and receiving or 9 rebroadcasting of certain races are permitted; removing a 10 requirement that certain applicants elect either operating 11 a cardroom or engaging in simulcasting; amending s. 12 550.615, F.S.; removing certain restrictions on intertrack 13 wagers on specified races and games; providing that any 14 permitholder may receive broadcasts of and accept wagers 15 on any other permitholder under specified conditions; 16 amending s. 550.6305, F.S.; revising requirements of 17 certain permitholders which accept wagers on a simulcast 18 signal; providing an effective date. 19 20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 21 22 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 550.3551, Florida 23 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (15) is added to said 24 section, to read: 25 550.3551 Transmission of racing and jai alai information; 26 commingling of pari-mutuel pools. --27 28 (3) Any horse track licensed under this chapter may receive broadcasts of horseraces conducted at other horse 29

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HB 0913 2003 30 racetracks located outside this state at the racetrack enclosure 31 of the licensee during its racing meet.

(a) All broadcasts of horseraces received from locations
outside this state must comply with the provisions of the
Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978, 92 Stat. 1811, 15 U.S.C. ss.
3001 et seq.

Wagers accepted at the horse track in this state may 36 (b) be, but are not required to be, included in the pari-mutuel 37 pools of the out-of-state horse track that broadcasts the race. 38 Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of this chapter, if the 39 40 horse track in this state elects to include wagers accepted on such races in the pari-mutuel pools of the out-of-state horse 41 track that broadcasts the race, from the amount wagered by 42 patrons at the horse track in this state and included in the 43 pari-mutuel pools of the out-of-state horse track, the horse 44 track in this state shall deduct as the takeout from the amount 45 wagered by patrons at the horse track in this state and included 46 in the pari-mutuel pools of the out-of-state horse track a 47 percentage equal to the percentage deducted from the amount 48 wagered at the out-of-state racetrack as is authorized by the 49 50 laws of the jurisdiction exercising regulatory authority over the out-of-state horse track. 51

All forms of pari-mutuel wagering are allowed on races 52 (C) broadcast under this section, and all money wagered by patrons 53 on such races shall be computed as part of the total amount of 54 money wagered at each racing performance for purposes of 55 taxation under ss. 550.0951, 550.09512, and 550.09515. Section 56 550.2625(2)(a), (b), and (c) does not apply to any money wagered 57 on races broadcast under this section. Similarly, the takeout 58 shall be increased by breaks and uncashed tickets for wagers on 59

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HB 0913 2003 races broadcast under this section, notwithstanding any contrary 60 provision of this chapter. 61 (15) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as 62 preventing a licensed horse track from receiving and engaging in 63 pari-mutuel wagering on simulcast horseraces. 64 65 Section 2. Subsections (4), (5), (6), and (7) of section 550.5251, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 66 550.5251 Florida thoroughbred racing; certain permits; 67 operating days. --68 (1) A thoroughbred racing permitholder may not begin any 69 70 race later than 7 p.m. However, any thoroughbred permitholder in a county in which the authority for cardrooms has been approved 71 by the board of county commissioners may elect not to operate a 72 cardroom when conducting live races during its current race meet 73 and instead to receive and rebroadcast out-of-state races after 74 the hour of 7 p.m. on any day during which the permitholder 75 conducts live races. However, such permitholder may not engage 76 in both operating a cardroom and receiving or rebroadcasting 77 out-of-state races after 7 p.m. Permitholders shall be required 78 to elect between either operating a cardroom or engaging in 79 simulcasting after 7 p.m. at the time of submitting its 80 application for its annual license pursuant to this section. 81 Each licensed thoroughbred permitholder in this (4)<del>(5)</del>(a) 82 state must run an average of one race per racing day in which 83 horses bred in this state and duly registered with the Florida 84 Thoroughbred Breeders' Association have preference as entries 85 over non-Florida-bred horses. All licensed thoroughbred 86 racetracks shall write the conditions for such races in which 87 Florida-bred horses are preferred so as to assure that all 88 Florida-bred horses available for racing at such tracks are 89 Page 3 of 9

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HB 0913 given full opportunity to run in the class of races for which they are qualified. The opportunity of running must be afforded to each class of horses in the proportion that the number of horses in this class bears to the total number of Florida-bred horses available. A track is not required to write conditions for a race to accommodate a class of horses for which a race would otherwise not be run at the track during its meeting.

Each licensed thoroughbred permitholder in this state 97 (b) may run one additional race per racing day composed exclusively 98 of Arabian horses registered with the Arabian Horse Registry of 99 100 America. Any licensed thoroughbred permitholder that elects to run one additional race per racing day composed exclusively of 101 102 Arabian horses registered with the Arabian Horse Registry of America is not required to provide stables for the Arabian 103 horses racing under this paragraph. 104

(c) Each licensed thoroughbred permitholder in this state
 may run up to three additional races per racing day composed
 exclusively of quarter horses registered with the American
 Quarter Horse Association.

(5) (5) (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2), a 109 thoroughbred permitholder who fails to operate all performances 110 on its 2001-2002 license does not lose its right to retain its 111 permit. Such thoroughbred permitholder is eligible for issuance 112 of an annual license pursuant to s. 550.0115 for subsequent 113 thoroughbred racing seasons. The division shall take no 114 disciplinary action against such thoroughbred permitholder for 115 failure to operate all licensed performances for the 2001-2002 116 license pursuant to this section or s. 550.01215. This section 117 may not be interpreted to prohibit the division from taking 118 disciplinary action against a thoroughbred permitholder for 119

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HB 09132003120failure to pay taxes on performances operated pursuant to its1212001-2002 license. This subsection expires July 1, 2003.

122 (6)(7) A thoroughbred permitholder shall file an amendment 123 with the division no later than July 1, 2002, that indicates 124 that it will not be able to operate the performances scheduled 125 on its 2002-2003 license without imposition of any penalty for 126 failure to operate all licensed performances provided in this 127 chapter. This subsection expires July 1, 2003.

Section 3. Subsection (6) of section 550.615, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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550.615 Intertrack wagering.--

Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (3), in 131 (6) any area of the state where there are three or more horserace 132 permitholders within 25 miles of each other, intertrack wagering 133 between permitholders in said area of the state shall only be 134 authorized under the following conditions: Any permitholder, 135 other than a thoroughbred permitholder, may accept intertrack 136 wagers on races or games conducted live by a permitholder of the 137 same class or any harness permitholder located within such area 138 and any harness permitholder may accept wagers on games 139 conducted live by any jai alai permitholder located within its 140 market area and from a jai alai permitholder located within the 141 area specified in this subsection when no jai alai permitholder 142 located within its market area is conducting live jai alai 143 performances; any greyhound or jai alai permitholder may receive 144 broadcasts of and accept wagers on any other permitholder of the 145 other class provided that a permitholder, other than the host 146 track, of such other class is not operating a contemporaneous 147 live performance within the market area. 148

HB 0913 149 Section 4. Subsection (9) of section 550.6305, Florida 150 Statutes, is amended to read:

151 550.6305 Intertrack wagering; guest track payments;
 152 accounting rules.--

(9) A host track that has contracted with an out-of-state
horse track to broadcast live races conducted at such out-ofstate horse track pursuant to s. 550.3551(5) may broadcast,
<u>during its live meet</u>, such out-of-state races to any guest track
and accept wagers thereon in the same manner as is provided in
s. 550.3551.

(a) For purposes of this section, "net proceeds" means the 159 amount of takeout remaining after the payment of state taxes, 160 purses required pursuant to s. 550.0951(3)(c)1., the cost to the 161 permitholder required to be paid to the out-of-state horse 162 track, and breeders' awards paid to the Florida Thoroughbred 163 Breeders' Association and the Florida Standardbred Breeders and 164 Owners Association, to be used as set forth in s. 550.625(2)(a)165 and (b). 166

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) and
s. 550.625(1) and (2)(a), the distribution of the net proceeds
that are retained by a thoroughbred host track from the takeout
on an out-of-state race rebroadcast under this subsection shall
be as follows:

172 1. One-third of the remainder of such proceeds shall be 173 paid to the guest track;

174 2. One-third of the remainder of such proceeds shall be175 retained by the host track; and

3. One-third of the remainder of such proceeds shall bepaid by the host track as purses at the host track.

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All guest tracks other than thoroughbred permitholders 178 (C) that are eligible to receive wagers on out-of-state horseraces 179 rebroadcast from a host track racing under a thoroughbred horse 180 permit shall be subject to the distribution of the net proceeds 181 as specified in paragraph (a) unless the host and guest 182 permitholders and the recognized horseman's group agree to a 183 different distribution of their respective portions of the 184 proceeds by contract. 185

Any permitholder located in any area of the state (d) 186 where there are only two permits, one for dogracing and one for 187 188 jai alai, may accept wagers on rebroadcasts of out-of-state thoroughbred horse races from an in-state thoroughbred horse 189 190 racing permitholder and shall not be subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) if such thoroughbred horse racing permitholder 191 located within the area specified in this paragraph is both 192 conducting live races and accepting wagers on out-of-state 193 horseraces. In such case, the guest permitholder shall be 194 entitled to 45 percent of the net proceeds on wagers accepted at 195 the quest facility. The remaining proceeds shall be distributed 196 as follows: one-half shall be retained by the host facility and 197 one-half shall be paid by the host facility as purses at the 198 host facility. 199

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 550.625(1) and (2)(b), the proceeds that are retained by a harness host facility from the takeout on a race broadcast under this subsection shall be distributed as follows:

1. Of the total intertrack handle on the broadcast, 1 percent shall be deducted from the proceeds and paid to the Florida Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association, Inc., to be used as set forth in s. 550.625(2)(b);

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HB 0913 2003 One-third of the remainder of such proceeds shall be 208 2. paid to the guest facility; 209 3. One-third of the remainder of such proceeds shall be 210 211 retained by the host facility; and One-third of the remainder of said proceeds shall be 4. 212 paid by the host facility as purses at the host facility. 213 Any permitholder located in any area of the state 214 (f) where there are only two permits, one for dogracing and one for 215 jai alai, may accept wagers on rebroadcasts of out-of-state 216 harness horse races from an in-state harness horse racing 217 218 permitholder and shall not be subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) if such harness horse racing permitholder located 219 220 within the area specified in this paragraph is conducting live races. In such case, the guest permitholder shall be entitled to 221 45 percent of the net proceeds on wagers accepted at the guest 222 facility. The remaining proceeds shall be distributed as 223 follows: one-half shall be retained by the host facility and 224 one-half shall be paid by the host facility as purses at the 225 host facility. 226 Any thoroughbred permitholder which accepts wagers (q)1. 227

on a simulcast signal must, <u>during its live meet</u>, make the signal available to any permitholder that is eligible to conduct intertrack wagering under the provisions of ss. 550.615-550.6345.

232 2. Any thoroughbred permitholder which accepts wagers on a 233 simulcast signal received after 6 p.m. must, during its live 234 <u>meet</u>, make such signal available to any permitholder that is 235 eligible to conduct intertrack wagering under the provisions of 236 ss. 550.615-550.6345, including any permitholder located as 237 specified in s. 550.615(6). Such guest permitholders are

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HB 0913 2003 authorized to accept wagers on such simulcast signal, 238 notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the 239 contrary. 240 241 3. Any thoroughbred permitholder which accepts wagers on a simulcast signal received after 6 p.m. must make such signal 242 available to any permitholder that is eligible to conduct 243 intertrack wagering under the provisions of ss. 550.615-244 550.6345, including any permitholder located as specified in s. 245 550.615(9). Such quest permitholders are authorized to accept 246 wagers on such simulcast signals for a number of performances 247 248 not to exceed that which constitutes a full schedule of live races for a quarter horse permitholder pursuant to s. 249 250 550.002(11), notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, except that the restrictions provided in s. 251 550.615(9)(a) apply to wagers on such simulcast signals. 252 253 No thoroughbred permitholder shall be required to continue to 254 rebroadcast a simulcast signal to any in-state permitholder if 255 the average per performance gross receipts returned to the host 256 permitholder over the preceding 30-day period were less than 257 \$100. Subject to the provisions of s. 550.615(4), as a condition 258 of receiving rebroadcasts of thoroughbred simulcast signals 259 under this paragraph, a guest permitholder must accept 260

261 intertrack wagers on all live races conducted by all then262 operating thoroughbred permitholders.

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Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.