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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to video lotteries; amending s. 24.103,
3 F.S.; providing definitions; amending s. 24.105, F.S.;
4 providing powers and duties of the Department of the
5 Lottery pertaining to video lottery games; creating s.
6 24.125, F.S.; providing for the adoption of rules;
7 creating s. 24.126, F.S.; prohibiting certain persons from
8 playing video lottery games; providing penalties; creating
9 s. 24.127, F.S.; providing requirements for the operation
10 of video lottery games; providing penalties; providing for
11 the adoption of rules; providing for the distribution of
12 proceeds from such games; creating s. 24.128, F.S.;
13 providing for the licensure of video lottery terminal
14 vendors; creating s. 24.129, F.S.; prohibiting certain
15 local zoning ordinances; creating s. 24.130, F.S.;
16 providing requirements for video lottery terminals;
17 creating s. 24.131, F.S.; requiring video lottery terminal
18 vendors to establish training programs for employees who
19 service such terminals; requiring departmental approval of
20 such programs; providing certification requirements of
21 such employees; providing for the adoption of rules;
22 creating s. 24.132, F.S.; providing guidelines for
23 administering the Video Lottery Purse Trust Fund;
24 providing for the adoption of rules; creating s. 24.133,
25 F.S., relating to the distribution of funds from the Video
26 Lottery Thoroughbred Trust Fund; requiring certain uses of
27 distributed funds; creating s. 24.134, F.S.; requiring
28 operators of facilities where video lottery games are
29 conducted to post certain warning signs and print warnings
30 on daily racing programs regarding compulsive gambling;



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31 amending s. 212.02, F.S.; excluding video lottery
32 terminals from the definition of "coin-operated amusement
33 machine" for purposes of the sales and use tax; requiring
34 the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Program Office
35 within the Department of Children and Family Services to
36 establish a compulsive gambling program; providing for
37 construction of the act in pari materia with laws enacted
38 during the 2003 Regular Session or the 2003 Special
39 Session A of the Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

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

45 24.103 Definitions.--As used in this act:

46 (7) "Video lottery game" means an electronically simulated
47 game involving any element of chance which is played on a video
48 lottery terminal that, upon insertion of cash, tokens, credits,
49 or vouchers, is available to play or simulate a lottery-type
50 game, including line-up games using a video display and
51 microprocessors and in which, by means of an element of chance,
52 a player may receive credits that can be redeemed for cash.

53 "Video lottery game" also means an electronically simulated game
54 involving elements of chance and skill which is played on a
55 video lottery terminal that, upon insertion of cash, tokens,
56 credits, or vouchers, is available to play or simulate the play
57 of traditional card games, including video poker, which uses a
58 cathode ray tube or video display screen and microprocessors,
59 and in which the player may win credits that can be redeemed for
60 cash. "Video lottery game" also includes a progressive game,



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61 which is any game in which a jackpot grows and accumulates as it
62 is being played on a video lottery terminal or a network of
63 video lottery terminals, and in which the outcome is randomly
64 determined by the play of video lottery terminals linked by a
65 central network. A video lottery terminal may use spinning reels
66 or video displays.

67 (8) "Video lottery terminal vendor" means any person
68 approved by the department who provides the video lottery
69 terminals to a video lottery retailer or provides computer
70 equipment or software related to video lottery terminals to the
71 department.

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

75 (10) "Video lottery retailer" means any person who
76 possesses a pari-mutuel permit issued under chapter 550 on or
77 before July 1, 2002, and who conducted a full schedule of live
78 jai alai games or live greyhound, thoroughbred horse, or harness
79 racing as defined in s. 550.002 in the prior calendar year, or
80 any person who is authorized to receive broadcasts of horseraces
81 under s. 550.6308. The term also includes a thoroughbred
82 permitholder that failed to operate all performances under its
83 license for 2002-2003, that has retained or regained its permit
84 and license, and that conducts a full schedule of live racing as
85 defined in s. 550.002.

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

88 24.105 Powers and duties of department.--The department
89 shall:



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90 (21) Have in place the capacity to support video lottery
 91 games at facilities of video lottery retailers by October 1,
 92 2003.

93 (22) Hear and decide promptly and in reasonable order all
 94 license applications or proceedings for suspension or revocation
 95 of licenses.

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

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

100 (25) Provide a list of approved vendors and maintain a
 101 current list of all contracts between video lottery terminal
 102 vendors and video lottery retailers.

103 (26) Approve or disapprove applications to operate as a
 104 video lottery retailer within 30 days after receipt of the
 105 application.

106 Section 3. Section 24.125, Florida Statutes, is created to
 107 read:

108 24.125 Rules authorized.--The department may adopt rules
 109 relating to:

110 (1) The regulation of video lottery retailers and video
 111 lottery products.

112 (2) Specifications for video lottery terminals to be
 113 approved and authorized as the department considers necessary to
 114 maintain the integrity of video lottery games and terminals.
 115 Initial rules sufficient to permit the operation of video
 116 lotteries and the licensing of video lottery retailers shall be
 117 adopted no later than July 1, 2003. The department may not
 118 provide specifications that would result in reducing to fewer



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119 than four the number of video lottery terminal vendors who
 120 supply terminals.

121 (3) The licensure and regulation of video lottery terminal
 122 vendors. The department may not approve as a video lottery
 123 terminal vendor any person who has an interest in a video
 124 lottery retailer or a business relationship with a video lottery
 125 retailer other than as a vendor or lessor of video lottery
 126 terminals.

127 Section 4. Section 24.126, Florida Statutes, is created to
 128 read:

129 24.126 Video lottery; minimum age.--

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

132 (2) Each video lottery retailer shall post a clear and
 133 conspicuous sign on all video lottery terminals which states:
 134 THE USE OF A VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL BY PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF
 135 18 IS AGAINST FLORIDA LAW. PROOF OF AGE IS REQUIRED FOR USE.

136 (3) Any person who violates this section commits a
 137 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
 138 775.082 or s. 775.083.

139 Section 5. Section 24.127, Florida Statutes, is created to
 140 read:

141 24.127 Video lottery games.--

142 (1) Video lottery games may be offered by a video lottery
 143 retailer only at its pari-mutuel facility. During any calendar
 144 year in which a video lottery retailer maintains video lottery
 145 terminals, the retailer must conduct a full schedule of live
 146 racing or games as defined in s. 550.002 or be authorized to
 147 receive broadcasts of horseraces pursuant to s. 550.6308. The
 148 department may waive such requirements upon a showing that the



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149 failure to conduct such games resulted from a natural disaster
150 or other acts beyond the control of the permitholder. If the
151 retailer fails to comply with the requirement to conduct a full
152 schedule of races or games, the department shall order the
153 retailer to suspend its video lottery operation. The department
154 may assess an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000 per video
155 lottery terminal, per day, against any retailer who fails to
156 suspend its video lottery operation when ordered by the
157 department. The department may enforce a suspension order or any
158 administrative fine as provided in s. 120.69. Each video lottery
159 retailer shall post a bond payable to the state in an amount
160 determined by the department which is sufficient to guarantee
161 the payment of revenue due in any payment period.

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

164 (3) To facilitate the auditing and security programs
165 critical to the integrity of the video lottery system, the
166 department shall have overall control of the entire system. Each
167 video lottery terminal shall be linked, directly or indirectly,
168 to a computer system under the control of the department.

169 (4) The department shall determine, by rule, the method by
170 which cash receipts will be electronically validated and
171 redeemed.

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

175 (6) Video lottery games shall pay out a minimum of 88
176 percent and no more than 99 percent of the amount of cash,
177 tokens, credits, or vouchers put into a video lottery terminal.
178 The department may permit the payment of a lesser percentage if



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179 requested by a video lottery retailer and the department has
180 determined that the payment of a minimum of 88 percent is not
181 financially viable at the location and that the total amount of
182 net revenue payable to the state will not be negatively
183 impacted. Such percentages shall be measured on an annual basis.

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

187 (a) Thirty-two percent to the Video Lottery Administrative
188 Trust Fund for transfer to the Education Enhancement Trust Fund.

189 (b) Two percent to the Video Lottery Administrative Trust
190 Fund for transfer in equal shares to the counties in which the
191 pari-mutuel facilities having video lottery terminals are
192 located. If any pari-mutuel facility having video lottery
193 terminals is located within an incorporated municipality, 25
194 percent of the equal share of the 2 percent otherwise to be
195 transferred to the county in which the facility is located shall
196 instead be transferred to the municipality.

197 (c) Two percent to the Video Lottery Administrative Trust
198 Fund for transfer to the Administrative Trust Fund.

199 (d) Eight percent to the Video Lottery Administrative
200 Trust Fund for transfer to the Video Lottery Purse Trust Fund,
201 to be distributed pursuant to s. 24.132.

202 (e) To the Video Lottery Administrative Trust Fund for
203 transfer to the Department of Children and Family Services, 0.25
204 percent for the establishment and administration of a treatment
205 program for compulsive gambling.

206 (f) If the video lottery retailer holds a valid harness
207 racing permit under chapter 550, 6 percent of its net terminal
208 income shall be distributed by the video lottery retailer as



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209 purses for live performances conducted at the video lottery
 210 retailer's pari-mutuel facility in accordance with chapter 550.

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

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

221 (i) To be retained by the video lottery retailer as
 222 compensation:

223 1. If a valid thoroughbred permitholder under chapter 550,
 224 51.75 percent to be distributed as provided in paragraph (j).

225 2. If a valid holder of a permit other than a thoroughbred
 226 permit, 45.75 percent.

227 3. If the holder of a license issued pursuant to s.
 228 550.6308, 51.75 percent to be distributed as provided in
 229 paragraph (k).

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

233 1. 3.3 percent shall be distributed for use as Florida
 234 thoroughbred breeders' and stallion awards pursuant to ss.
 235 550.26165 and 550.2625, subject to the fee provided in s.
 236 550.2625(3). From the funds to be distributed pursuant to this
 237 subparagraph, one-half shall be used for awards to owners of
 238 registered Florida-bred thoroughbred horses participating in



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239 prescribed thoroughbred stakes races, nonstakes races, or both,
240 in accordance with a written agreement establishing the rate,
241 procedure, and eligibility requirements for such awards entered
242 into by the permitholder, the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders'
243 Association, and the Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and
244 Protective Association, Inc., or the association representing a
245 majority of the thoroughbred racehorse owners and trainers at
246 the video lottery retailer's pari-mutuel facility.

247 2. 0.25 percent shall be distributed as provided by
248 written agreement between the video lottery retailer and the
249 Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, Inc.,
250 or the association representing a majority of the thoroughbred
251 racehorse owners and trainers at the video lottery retailer's
252 pari-mutuel facility. All funds to be distributed under this
253 subparagraph shall be used exclusively to fund equine drug and
254 medication research or related equine research at the University
255 of Florida, including required capital improvements, and for
256 medical, dental, surgical, financial, or retirement benefits for
257 occupational licensees who are employed in connection with the
258 conduct of live thoroughbred racing in this state, but who are
259 not permitholders' employees.

260 3. 96.45 percent shall be distributed as provided by
261 written agreement between the video lottery retailer and the
262 Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association or the
263 association representing a majority of the thoroughbred
264 racehorse owners and trainers at the video lottery retailer's
265 pari-mutuel facility. The written agreement shall consider the
266 cost and expenses for capital improvements and operating costs
267 of the video lottery retailer and purses to be paid on live



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268 performances and shall be reasonable in accordance with industry
269 standards applied to similar circumstances in other states.

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

273 1. 3.3 percent shall be distributed for use as Florida
274 thoroughbred breeders' and stallion awards pursuant to ss.
275 550.26165 and 550.2625, subject to the fee provided in s.
276 550.2625(3).

277 2. 96.7 percent shall be distributed as provided by
278 written agreement between the video lottery retailer and the
279 Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' Association. A video lottery
280 retailer required to enter into a contract by this subparagraph
281 may not conduct video lottery games unless such contract is in
282 effect. All funds not retained by the video lottery retailer
283 under any such contract shall be used exclusively for awards to
284 thoroughbred breeders, owners, and stallion owners pursuant to
285 ss. 550.26165 and 550.2625, subject to the fee provided in s.
286 550.2625(3); for general promotion of the industry; and for the
287 University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine for the
288 purpose of funding the operations of the Division of Pari-Mutuel
289 Wagering laboratory, as referenced in s. 550.2415, and for the
290 college's equine department for the purchase of equipment and
291 supplies and for equine research.

292 (8) The allocation provided in subsection (7) shall be
293 made weekly. Amounts allocated pursuant to paragraphs (7)(a)-(e)
294 shall be remitted to the department by electronic transfer
295 within 24 hours after the allocation is determined. If live
296 meets were conducted at the pari-mutuel facility of the video
297 lottery retailer during the weekly period for which the



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298 allocation is made, the portion of the allocation to be
299 distributed pursuant to paragraphs(7)(f), (g), and (h) shall be
300 paid as purses for those live meets. If no live meets were
301 conducted at the pari-mutuel facility during the weekly period
302 for which the allocation is made, the distribution of purse
303 money shall be made during the next ensuing meet. The interest
304 income on funds required to be distributed under paragraphs
305 (7)(f), (g), and (h) prior to their distribution as purses shall
306 be distributed by the video lottery retailer as purses for live
307 performances conducted at the video lottery retailer's pari-
308 mutuel facility in accordance with chapter 550.

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

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

316 (11) In any area or room in a facility in which a video
317 lottery terminal is placed, the video lottery retailer shall
318 also place video monitors displaying any live races or games of
319 that facility being conducted, or displaying available simulcast
320 races or games if no live races or games are being conducted at
321 the facility. In each area or room, the retailer shall also
322 provide a means by which patrons may wager on pari-mutuel
323 activity.

324 Section 6. Section 24.128, Florida Statutes, is created to
325 read:

326 24.128 Licensure of video lottery terminal vendors.--Video
327 lottery terminal vendors shall be licensed by the department by



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328 July 1, 2003, and, by October 1, 2003, the department shall
329 adopt rules governing such licensure. The department may not
330 license any person as a video lottery terminal vendor who has an
331 interest in a video lottery retailer or a business relationship
332 with a video lottery retailer other than as a vendor or lessor
333 of video lottery terminals.

334 Section 7. Section 24.129, Florida Statutes, is created to
335 read:

336 24.129 Local zoning of pari-mutuel facilities.--The
337 installation, operation, or use of a video lottery terminal on
338 any property where pari-mutuel operations were or would have
339 been lawful under any county or municipal zoning ordinance on
340 July 1, 1997, does not change the character of the use of such
341 property and may not be prohibited by any local zoning
342 ordinance.

343 Section 8. Section 24.130, Florida Statutes, is created to
344 read:

345 24.130 Video lottery terminals.--

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

348 (2) Video lottery terminals approved for use in this state
349 shall:

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

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

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



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

361 Section 9. Section 24.131, Florida Statutes, is created to
362 read:

363 24.131 Video lottery terminal training program.--

364 (1) Every licensed video lottery terminal vendor shall
365 submit a training program for the service and maintenance of
366 such terminals and equipment for approval by the department. The
367 training program must include an outline of the training
368 curriculum, a list of instructors and their qualifications, a
369 copy of the instructional materials, and the dates, times, and
370 location of training classes. A service and maintenance program
371 may not be held unless approved by the department.

372 (2) Every video lottery terminal service employee must
373 complete the requirements of the manufacturer's training program
374 before performing service, maintenance, or repairs on video
375 lottery terminals or associated equipment. Upon the successful
376 completion of the training program by an employee, the
377 department shall issue a certificate authorizing such employee
378 to service, maintain, and repair video lottery terminals and
379 associated equipment. A certificate of completion may not be
380 issued to any person until the department determines that such
381 person has completed the required training. Before being
382 certified as a video lottery terminal service employee, a person
383 must pass a background investigation conducted by the
384 department. The department may revoke certification upon finding
385 a person in violation of any provision of this chapter or a
386 department rule.



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387 (3) The department may adopt rules regarding the training,
 388 qualifications, and certification of video lottery terminal
 389 service employees.

390 Section 10. Section 24.132, Florida Statutes, is created
 391 to read:

392 24.132 Administration of the Video Lottery Purse Trust
 393 Fund.--

394 (1) Fifty-eight percent of the proceeds of the Video
 395 Lottery Purse Trust Fund shall be transferred to the Video
 396 Lottery Thoroughbred Trust Fund.

397 (2) Forty-two percent of the proceeds of the Video Lottery
 398 Purse Trust Fund shall be distributed to pari-mutuel
 399 permitholders to be distributed as purses at their respective
 400 pari-mutuel facilities as follows:

401 (a) Eight percent to holders of valid harness racing
 402 permits.

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

404 (c) Twenty-seven percent to holders of valid greyhound
 405 racing permits.

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 407 Each permitholder entitled to receive distributions shall
 408 receive a percentage of the amount to be distributed which is
 409 determined by dividing the amounts paid in purses by such
 410 permitholder during the state fiscal year 2001-2002 by the
 411 amount of purses paid by all permitholders of the same type
 412 statewide during state fiscal year 2001-2002.

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



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

424 (5) Of amounts to be distributed pursuant to this section
425 and s. 24.127(7)(f) to persons holding valid harness racing
426 permits, 6.6 percent of such sums shall be distributed for
427 payment of breeders' awards, stallion awards, and stallion
428 stakes, and for additional expenditures, including, but not
429 limited to, medical, dental, surgical, life, funeral, and
430 disability insurance and retirement benefits for occupational
431 licensees who work at tracks in this state in which harness
432 horse races are conducted, pursuant to ss. 550.26165 and
433 550.2625. The Florida Standardbred Breeders and Owners
434 Association may, in accordance with s. 550.2625(4), deduct a fee
435 for administering the payment of awards and for general
436 promotion of the industry.

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

440 Section 11. Section 24.133, Florida Statutes, is created
441 to read:

442 24.133 Distribution of funds from Video Lottery
443 Thoroughbred Trust Fund.--The proceeds of the Video Lottery
444 Thoroughbred Trust Fund shall be distributed as follows:



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445 (1) 6.6 percent for use as Florida thoroughbred breeders'
 446 and stallion awards pursuant to ss. 550.26165 and 550.2625,
 447 subject to the fee provided in s. 550.2625(3).

448 (2) The remainder shall be divided proportionally among
 449 the thoroughbred permitholders conducting live racing for use as
 450 purses, based upon a formula determined by dividing the amount
 451 paid in purses by each such thoroughbred permitholder during the
 452 prior state fiscal year by the amount of purses paid by all such
 453 thoroughbred permitholders statewide during the prior state
 454 fiscal year. However, 8.5 percent of such funds must be used for
 455 Florida Owners' Awards pursuant to s. 550.2625(2)(e), unless
 456 agreed otherwise in writing between the Florida Thoroughbred
 457 Breeders' Association and the Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and
 458 Protective Association, Inc., or the association representing a
 459 majority of the thoroughbred racehorse owners and trainers at
 460 that location.

461 Section 12. Section 24.134, Florida Statutes, is created
 462 to read:

463 24.134 Notice of availability of assistance for compulsive
 464 gambling required.--

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

471 (2) Each pari-mutuel facility licensee who operates as a
 472 video lottery retailer shall print the statement "IF YOU OR
 473 SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A GAMBLING PROBLEM, HELP IS AVAILABLE. CALL



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474 1-800-426-7711" on all daily racing programs provided to the
475 general public.

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

478 212.02 Definitions.--The following terms and phrases when
479 used in this chapter have the meanings ascribed to them in this
480 section, except where the context clearly indicates a different
481 meaning:

482 (24) "Coin-operated amusement machine" means any machine
483 operated by coin, slug, token, coupon, or similar device for the
484 purposes of entertainment or amusement. The term includes, but
485 is not limited to, coin-operated pinball machines, music
486 machines, juke boxes, mechanical games, video games, arcade
487 games, billiard tables, moving picture viewers, shooting
488 galleries, and all other similar amusement devices. However, the
489 term does not include a video lottery terminal operated pursuant
490 to chapter 24.

491 Section 14. Compulsive gambling program.--The Alcohol,
492 Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Program Office within the
493 Department of Children and Family Services shall establish a
494 program for public education, awareness, and training regarding
495 problem and compulsive gambling and the treatment and prevention
496 of problem and compulsive gambling. The program shall include:

497 (1) Maintenance of a compulsive gambling advocacy
498 organization's toll-free problem-gambling telephone number to
499 provide crisis counseling and referral services to families
500 experiencing difficulty as a result of problem or compulsive
501 gambling.

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



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504 (3) Facilitation, through inservice training and other
505 means, of the availability of effective assistance programs for
506 problem and compulsive gamblers and family members affected by
507 problem and compulsive gambling.

508 (4) Studies to identify adults and juveniles in this state
509 who are or are at risk of becoming problem or compulsive
510 gamblers.

511 Section 15. If any law amended by this act was also
512 amended by a law enacted at the 2003 Regular Session of the
513 Legislature or at the 2003 Special Session A of the Legislature,
514 such laws shall be construed as if they had been enacted at the
515 same session of the Legislature, and full effect shall be given
516 to each if possible.

517 Section 16. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
518 law.