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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to cardrooms; amending s. 849.086, F.S.;
 3 defining "dominoes," "high-stakes dominoes," and "high-
 4 stakes poker"; authorizing cardroom operators to host
 5 high-stakes poker and high-stakes dominoes tournaments at
 6 certain pari-mutuel facilities; providing limitations;
 7 requiring greyhound permitholders to use a portion of
 8 cardroom proceeds and certain prior supplements to
 9 supplement purses during current meets; providing an
 10 effective date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Subsection (2) and paragraph (d) of present
 15 subsection (13) of section 849.086, Florida Statutes, are
 16 amended, present subsections (9) through (17) are renumbered as
 17 subsections (11) through (19), respectively, and new subsections
 18 (9) and (10) are added to said section, to read:

19 849.086 Cardrooms authorized.--

20 (2) DEFINITIONS.--As used in this section:

21 (a) "Authorized game" means a game or series of games of
 22 poker which are played in a nonbanking manner.

23 (b) "Banking game" means a game in which the house is a
 24 participant in the game, taking on players, paying winners, and
 25 collecting from losers or in which the cardroom establishes a
 26 bank against which participants play.

27 (c) "Cardroom" means a facility where authorized card
 28 games are played for money or anything of value and to which the
 29 public is invited to participate in such games and charged a fee

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30 for participation by the operator of such facility. Authorized
 31 games and cardrooms do not constitute casino gaming operations.

32 (d) "Cardroom management company" means any individual not
 33 an employee of the cardroom operator, any proprietorship,
 34 partnership, corporation, or other entity that enters into an
 35 agreement with a cardroom operator to manage, operate, or
 36 otherwise control the daily operation of a cardroom.

37 (e) "Cardroom distributor" means any business that
 38 distributes cardroom paraphernalia such as card tables, betting
 39 chips, chip holders, drop boxes, banking supplies, playing
 40 cards, card shufflers, and other associated equipment to
 41 authorized cardrooms.

42 (f) "Cardroom operator" means a licensed pari-mutuel
 43 permitholder which holds a valid permit and license issued by
 44 the division pursuant to chapter 550 and which also holds a
 45 valid cardroom license issued by the division pursuant to this
 46 section which authorizes such person to operate a cardroom and
 47 to conduct authorized games in such cardroom.

48 (g) "Division" means the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering
 49 of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

50 (h) "Dominoes" means flat, rectangular blocks the faces of
 51 which are divided into two equal parts that are blank or include
 52 from one to six dots arranged in a pattern.

53 (i)~~(h)~~ "Gross receipts" means the total amount of money
 54 received by a cardroom from any person for participation in
 55 authorized games.

56 (j) "High-stakes dominoes" means a game of dominoes that
 57 is played with a set of 28 dominoes and that is played without

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58 limits on the amount wagered in any game or series of games and
 59 without limits on the rounds of betting.

60 (k) "High-stakes poker" means a game of poker that is
 61 played without limits on the amount wagered in any game or
 62 series of games and without limits on the rounds of betting
 63 established in this section.

64 (l)(i) "House" means the cardroom operator and all
 65 employees of the cardroom operator.

66 (m)(j) "Net proceeds" means the total amount of gross
 67 receipts received by a cardroom operator from cardroom
 68 operations less direct operating expenses related to cardroom
 69 operations, including labor costs, admission taxes only if a
 70 separate admission fee is charged for entry to the cardroom
 71 facility, gross receipts taxes imposed on cardroom operators by
 72 this section, the annual cardroom license fees imposed by this
 73 section on each table operated at a cardroom, and reasonable
 74 promotional costs excluding officer and director compensation,
 75 interest on capital debt, legal fees, real estate taxes, bad
 76 debts, contributions or donations, or overhead and depreciation
 77 expenses not directly related to the operation of the cardrooms.

78 (n)(k) "Rake" means a set fee or percentage of the pot
 79 assessed by a cardroom operator for providing the services of a
 80 dealer, table, or location for playing the authorized game.

81 (9) HIGH-STAKES POKER TOURNAMENTS.--A cardroom operator
 82 may host a high-stakes poker tournament twice a year for 1 week
 83 at a pari-mutuel facility authorized to operate cardrooms,
 84 during the hours the pari-mutuel facility is open to conduct
 85 business. Such tournament may be conducted only once in any 6-
 86 month period.

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87 (10) HIGH-STAKES DOMINOES TOURNAMENTS.--A cardroom
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 90 cardrooms, during the hours the pari-mutuel facility is open to
 91 conduct business. Such tournament may be conducted only once in
 92 any 6-month period.

93 ~~(15)(13)~~ TAXES AND OTHER PAYMENTS.--

94 (d) Each greyhound and jai alai permitholder that operates
 95 a cardroom facility shall use at least 4 percent of such
 96 permitholder's cardroom monthly gross receipts to supplement
 97 greyhound purses or jai alai prize money, respectively, during
 98 the permitholder's next ensuing pari-mutuel meet. Each greyhound
 99 permitholder that operates a cardroom facility shall use at
 100 least 4 percent of such permitholder's cardroom monthly gross
 101 receipts to supplement greyhound purses during the
 102 permitholder's current pari-mutuel meet plus any prior purse
 103 supplement that has not been voluntarily paid for state fiscal
 104 year 2003-2004. Each thoroughbred and harness horse racing
 105 permitholder that operates a cardroom facility shall use at
 106 least 50 percent of such permitholder's cardroom monthly net
 107 proceeds as follows: 47 percent to supplement purses and 3
 108 percent to supplement breeders' awards during the permitholder's
 109 next ensuing racing meet.

110 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.