

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: CS/SB 1270

SPONSOR: Appropriations Committee and Senator Clary

SUBJECT: Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund Reserve

DATE: March 25, 2004 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	_____	_____	FT	Withdrawn
2.	DeLoach	Hayes	AGG	Withdrawn
3.	DeLoach	Coburn	AP	Fav/CS
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____

I. Summary:

This bill amends section 550.135(2), F.S., to decrease the fund balance reserve retained in the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund in the Department of Business and Professional Regulation from \$3.5 million to \$1.5 million.

II. Present Situation:

The Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund is established in the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to support the state’s regulation of the pari-mutuel wagering industry. Sections 550.0951, 550.105, 550.2625, 550.495, and 849.086, F.S., provide revenue sources for the trust fund. The revenue sources include daily license fees, admission tax, tax on handle and the breaks tax. Section 550.135(2), F.S., requires all funds in excess of \$3.5 million which are not appropriated to be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill reduces the required fund balance reserve from \$3.5 million to \$1.5 million based on department cash flow needs. The \$1.5 million reserve is sufficient to support current regulation of the pari-mutuel wagering industry and allows the transfer of an additional \$2 million to the General Revenue Fund on a one time basis.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The \$3.5 million fund balance reserve in the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund in the Department of Business and Professional Regulation is reduced by \$2 million and the General Revenue Fund is increased by \$2 million.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.