

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Ritter offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

5 Section 1. The Arcade and Amusement Center Study

6 Commission is created. For the purpose of this section, the term

7 "commission" means the Arcade and Amusement Study Commission.

8 The purpose of the Commission is to address amusement game

9 standards, definitions, and regulations governing the offer of

10 amusement game play at retail venues throughout the state.

11 Section 2. The Commission shall consist of five members,

12 appointed by the Governor, and shall consist of the following

13 members:

14 (1) The secretary of the Department of Business and

15 Professional Regulation, or their designee.

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16 (2) The Executive Director of the Department of Revenue,
17 or their designee.

18 (3) Two members of the amusement game arcade industry in
19 the state.

20 (4) One member representing the consumer.

21 Section 3. The Arcade and Amusement Study Commission is
22 assigned to the Department of Business and Professional
23 Regulation for administrative purposes only. The commission
24 shall be staffed by the department.

25 Section 4. Members of the commission shall be appointed by
26 the Governor, and shall organize following appointment to select
27 a chair and set meetings.

28 Section 5. A vacancy of an appointed member of the
29 commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original
30 appointment. A vacancy of any member who may select a designee
31 shall be filled by the member's selected designee or, if the
32 vacancy concerns a member's selected designee, shall be filled
33 by the member or another designee selected by the member.
34 Vacancies must be filled within 30 days.

35 Section 6. The commission shall hold all meetings within
36 the state. Meetings of the commission shall be open to the
37 public.

38 Section 7. Members of the commission shall serve without
39 compensation but are entitled to receive reimbursement for
40 travel and per diem expenses as provided by section 112.061,
41 Florida Statutes, while carrying out official business of the
42 commission.

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43 Section 8. The commission shall report its findings and
44 recommendations in an official report adopted by the members to
45 be transmitted to the Governor, President of the Senate, and
46 Speaker of the House of Representative by February 1, 2005. The
47 commission shall automatically expire upon submission of its
48 report to the Governor and the Legislature.

49 Section 9. This act shall take effect October 1, 2004.
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52 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

53 Remove the entire title and insert:
54 An act relating to arcade amusement centers; providing
55 legislative findings; creating the Arcade and Amusement
56 Center Study Commission; specifying the purpose of the
57 commission; providing for appointment and qualification of
58 members; providing for staffing of the commission;
59 providing for filling of vacancy; requiring that meetings
60 of the commission be open to the public and held within
61 the state; authorizing reimbursement for travel and per
62 diem expenses for members while carrying out official
63 business of the commission; requiring the commission to
64 report its findings to the Governor and to legislative
65 leaders; providing for the expiration of the commission;
66 providing an effective date.

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68 WHEREAS, The arcade and amusement industry is an expanding
69 segment of the economy, with potential for significant impacts
70 on Florida's tourist industry; and

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71 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Florida's families
72 to ensure that the industry creates a wholesome environment; and

73 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Legislature to
74 provide appropriate regulation through clear and consistent
75 industry standards to safeguard against fraud and tax avoidance,
76 while not creating an excessive burden on small businesses in
77 the state; and

78 WHEREAS, modernizing licensure and compliance laws to
79 reflect technological advances within the arcade industry will
80 benefit the State of Florida; and

81 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the creation of a study
82 commission to review regulation of games used in arcade and
83 amusement centers and to collect information and testimony would
84 be of benefit to the State of Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,