

By the Committee on Appropriations; and Senator Argenziano

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to jai alai; amending s.
3 550.002, F.S.; redefining the term "full
4 schedule of live racing or games" for purposes
5 of ch. 550, F.S., to include a jai alai
6 permitholder that conducted a certain number of
7 live performances in a specified year; amending
8 s. 550.09511, F.S.; providing the amount of
9 license fees and taxes for a jai alai
10 permitholder that conducts fewer than 100 live
11 performances in any fiscal year; providing an
12 effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Subsection (11) of section 550.002, Florida
17 Statutes, is amended to read:

18 550.002 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the
19 term:

20 (11) "Full schedule of live racing or games" means,
21 for a greyhound or jai alai permitholder, the conduct of a
22 combination of at least 100 live evening or matinee
23 performances during the preceding year; for a permitholder who
24 has a converted permit or filed an application on or before
25 June 1, 1990, for a converted permit, the conduct of a
26 combination of at least 100 live evening and matinee wagering
27 performances during either of the 2 preceding years; for a jai
28 alai permitholder that conducted at least 100 live
29 performances during the 2002-2003 state fiscal year, the
30 conduct of at least 40 live evening or matinee performances
31 during the preceding year;for a harness permitholder, the

1 conduct of at least 100 live regular wagering performances
2 during the preceding year; for a quarter horse permitholder,
3 the conduct of at least 40 live regular wagering performances
4 during the preceding year; and for a thoroughbred
5 permitholder, the conduct of at least 40 live regular wagering
6 performances during the preceding year. For a permitholder
7 which is restricted by statute to certain operating periods
8 within the year when other members of its same class of permit
9 are authorized to operate throughout the year, the specified
10 number of live performances which constitute a full schedule
11 of live racing or games shall be adjusted pro rata in
12 accordance with the relationship between its authorized
13 operating period and the full calendar year and the resulting
14 specified number of live performances shall constitute the
15 full schedule of live games for such permitholder and all
16 other permitholders of the same class within 100 air miles of
17 such permitholder. A live performance must consist of no fewer
18 than eight races or games conducted live for each of a minimum
19 of three performances each week at the permitholder's licensed
20 facility under a single admission charge.

21 Section 2. Subsection (5) is added to section
22 550.09511, Florida Statutes, to read:

23 550.09511 Jai alai taxes; abandoned interest in a
24 permit for nonpayment of taxes.--

25 (5) A jai alai permitholder conducting fewer than 100
26 live performances in any state fiscal year shall pay to the
27 state the same aggregate amount of daily license fees on live
28 jai alai games, admissions tax, and tax on live handle as that
29 permitholder paid to the state during the most recent prior
30 state fiscal year in which the jai alai permitholder conducted
31 at least 100 live performances.

1 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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3 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
5 Senate Bill 632

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7 The committee substitute removes language that required jai
8 alai frontons to conduct a specified number of performances if
9 they are approved for video lottery games.

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11 The amendment reorganizes current law related to a full
12 schedule of live racing or games for certain jai alai
13 permitholders.

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