

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to pari-mutuel permitholders; amending s.
 3 550.5251, F.S.; revising licensing and permit requirements
 4 relating to required operating days for certain
 5 thoroughbred racing permitholders; revising timeframe for
 6 application of certain requirements; deleting requirement
 7 that certain thoroughbred permitholders operate the full
 8 number of days; providing for validity of certain permits;
 9 providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section
 14 550.5251, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

15 550.5251 Florida thoroughbred racing; certain permits;
 16 operating days.--

17 (1) Each thoroughbred permitholder under whose permit
 18 thoroughbred racing was conducted in this state at any time
 19 between January 1, 1987, and January 1, 2005 ~~1988~~, shall
 20 annually be entitled to apply for and annually receive
 21 thoroughbred racing days and dates as set forth in this section.
 22 As regards such permitholders, the annual thoroughbred racing
 23 season shall be from June 1 of any year through May 31 of the
 24 following year and shall be known as the "Florida Thoroughbred
 25 Racing Season."

26 (2) Each permitholder referred to in subsection (1) shall
 27 annually, during the period commencing December 15 of each year
 28 and ending January 4 of the following year, file in writing with

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29 | the division its application to conduct one or more thoroughbred
30 | racing meetings during the thoroughbred racing season commencing
31 | on the following June 1. Each application shall specify the
32 | number and dates of all performances that the permitholder
33 | intends to conduct during that thoroughbred racing season. On or
34 | before February 15 of each year, the division shall issue a
35 | license authorizing each permitholder to conduct performances on
36 | the dates specified in its application. Up to March 31 of each
37 | year, each permitholder may request and shall be granted changes
38 | in its authorized performances; ~~but thereafter, as a condition~~
39 | ~~precedent to the validity of its license and its right to retain~~
40 | ~~its permit, each permitholder must operate the full number of~~
41 | ~~days authorized on each of the dates set forth in its license.~~

42 | (3) Each thoroughbred permit referred to in subsection
43 | (1), including, but not limited to, any permit originally issued
44 | as a summer thoroughbred horse racing permit, is hereby
45 | validated and shall continue in full force and effect,
46 | irrespective of any action that the division may take or may
47 | have heretofore taken against the permit.

48 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.