

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senator Geller

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to Indian gaming activities; designating the Governor as the official to negotiate tribal-state compacts; providing for ratification of tribal-state compacts by the Legislature; providing for submission of the tribal-state compact to the Legislature and Secretary of State; providing for submission of the tribal-state compact to the Secretary of the Interior; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. (1) The Governor is the designated state officer responsible for negotiating and executing, on behalf of the state, tribal-state gaming compacts with federally recognized Indian tribes located within the State of Florida pursuant to the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, 18 U.S.C. ss. 1166-1168, and 25 U.S.C. s. 2701 et seq., for the purpose of authorizing class III gaming, as defined in that act, on Indian lands within this state.

(2) Any tribal-state compact relating to gaming activities which is entered into by an Indian tribe in this state and the Governor pursuant to subsection (1) must be conditioned upon ratification by the Legislature.

(3) Following completion of negotiations, the Governor shall submit a copy of any executed tribal-state compact for ratification by a majority vote by both houses of the Legislature and shall submit a copy of the executed tribal-state compact to the Secretary of State pending receipt

1 of an act ratifying the tribal-state compact under the
2 provisions of this section.

3 (4) Upon receipt of an act ratifying the tribal-state
4 compact, the Secretary of State shall forward a copy of the
5 executed tribal-state compact and the ratifying act to the
6 Secretary of the Interior for his or her review and approval,
7 in accordance with 25 U.S.C. s. 2710(8)(d).

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
9 law.

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11 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
12 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
13 Senate Bill 134

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14 The committee substitute provides that the Governor is the
15 designated state officer responsible for negotiating and
16 executing tribal-state compacts relating to class III gaming.
17 The Governor must submit a copy of any executed tribal-state
18 compact to the Legislature for ratification by a majority vote
19 by both houses and must submit a copy to the Secretary of
20 State pending ratification. Once the compact is ratified, the
21 Secretary of State must forward a copy of the compact and the
22 ratification act to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior for
23 review and approval.

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