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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to pari-mutuel permitholders; amending s. 550.002, F.S.; revising the definition of "full schedule of live racing or games" for certain jai alai permitholders; amending s. 550.09511, F.S.; providing for license fees and taxes for certain jai alai permitholders; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

greyhound or jai alai permitholder, the conduct of a combination

(11) "Full schedule of live racing or games" means, for a

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of at least 100 live evening or matinee performances during the preceding year; for a permitholder who has a converted permit or filed an application on or before June 1, 1990, for a converted 18

permit, the conduct of a combination of at least 100 live

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evening and matinee wagering performances during either of the 2 preceding years; for a jai alai permitholder under whose permit

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a minimum of 100 live performances per year were conducted for

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combination of at least 40 live evening or matinee performances

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during the preceding year; for a harness permitholder, the conduct of at least 100 live regular wagering performances

at least 10 years after December 31, 1992, the conduct of a

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during the preceding year; for a quarter horse permitholder, the

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conduct of at least 40 live regular wagering performances during

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

Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 550.09511, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (5), and a new subsection (4) is added to said section to read:

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

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

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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