

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to bingo; amending s. 849.086,  
3           F.S.; revising definitions to include dominoes  
4           as an authorized game and to allow games other  
5           than card games to be played in cardrooms;  
6           authorizing rulemaking relating to poker and  
7           dominoes by the Division of Pari-mutuel  
8           Wagering of the Department of Business and  
9           Professional Regulation; providing for  
10          supervision of dominoes games at a cardroom;  
11          limiting wagering related to authorized games;  
12          amending s. 849.0931, F.S.; revising provisions  
13          for the conduct of bingo sessions and games;  
14          revising definitions; defining "bingo session,"  
15          "calendar week," "day," and "member";  
16          restricting assistance in the conduct of bingo  
17          to members; revising provisions for prizes and  
18          jackpots; providing for an additional jackpot  
19          per session; providing for valuation of noncash  
20          prizes; prohibiting free games; providing an  
21          exception; limiting bingo sessions; revising  
22          provisions for assistance in the conduct of  
23          bingo; revising rules for the conduct of bingo  
24          games; providing for accommodations for persons  
25          with physical disabilities; preempting  
26          regulation of bingo to the state; prohibiting  
27          certain persons from conducting or assisting in  
28          the conduct of bingo; prohibiting certain  
29          persons from being a bingo lessor or employee  
30          of such lessor; prohibiting a bingo  
31          organization from allowing use of its identity

1 for the purpose of conducting bingo;  
 2 prohibiting certain persons from participating  
 3 in certain bingo games; providing restriction  
 4 on sale of bingo cards; providing penalties;  
 5 amending s. 849.161, F.S.; providing that  
 6 specified gambling regulations do not apply to  
 7 specified bingo facilities; amending s.  
 8 849.161, F.S.; providing that the chapter does  
 9 not apply to amusement games or machines which  
 10 operate by the insertion of a coin or other  
 11 currency; providing an effective date.  
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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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15 Section 1. Paragraphs (a), (c), and (e) of subsection  
 16 (2), paragraph (a) of subsection (4), paragraph (a) of  
 17 subsection (6), paragraph (c) of subsection (7), and paragraph  
 18 (a) of subsection (8) of section 849.086, Florida Statutes,  
 19 are amended, and present paragraphs (h), (i), (j), and (k) of  
 20 subsection (2) of that section are redesignated as paragraphs  
 21 (i), (j), (k), and (l), respectively, and a new paragraph (h)  
 22 is added to that subsection, to read:

23 849.086 Cardrooms authorized.--

24 (2) DEFINITIONS.--As used in this section:

25 (a) "Authorized game" means a game or series of games  
 26 of poker or dominoes which are played in a nonbanking manner.

27 (c) "Cardroom" means a facility where authorized ~~card~~  
 28 games are played for money or anything of value and to which  
 29 the public is invited to participate in such games and charged  
 30 a fee for participation by the operator of such facility.  
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1 Authorized games and cardrooms do not constitute casino gaming  
2 operations.

3 (e) "Cardroom distributor" means any business that  
4 distributes cardroom paraphernalia such as card tables,  
5 betting chips, chip holders, dominoes, dominoes tables, drop  
6 boxes, banking supplies, playing cards, card shufflers, and  
7 other associated equipment to authorized cardrooms.

8 (h) "Dominoes" means a game of dominoes typically  
9 played with a set of 28 flat rectangular blocks, called bones,  
10 marked on one side, which is divided into two equal parts,  
11 with from zero to six dots, called pips, in each part. There  
12 are larger sets of blocks which contain a correspondingly  
13 higher number of pips. The term "dominoes" also refers to the  
14 set of blocks used to play the game.

15 (4) AUTHORITY OF DIVISION.--The Division of  
16 Pari-mutuel Wagering of the Department of Business and  
17 Professional Regulation shall administer this section and  
18 regulate the operation of cardrooms under this section and the  
19 rules adopted pursuant thereto, and is hereby authorized to:

20 (a) Adopt rules, including, but not limited to: the  
21 issuance of cardroom and employee licenses for cardroom  
22 operations; the operation of a cardroom; the review and  
23 approval of the play and wagering in a game or series of games  
24 of poker or a game of dominoes; recordkeeping and reporting  
25 requirements; and the collection of all fees and taxes imposed  
26 by this section.

27 (6) BUSINESS AND EMPLOYEE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE  
28 REQUIRED; APPLICATION; FEES.--

29 (a) A person employed or otherwise working in a  
30 cardroom as a cardroom manager, floor supervisor, pit boss,  
31 dealer, or any other activity related to cardroom operations

1 while the facility is conducting card playing or games of  
2 dominoes must hold a valid cardroom employee occupational  
3 license issued by the division. Food service, maintenance, and  
4 security employees with a current pari-mutuel occupational  
5 license and a current background check will not be required to  
6 have a cardroom employee occupational license.

7 (7) CONDITIONS FOR OPERATING A CARDROOM.--

8 (c) A cardroom operator must at all times employ and  
9 provide a nonplaying dealer for each table on which authorized  
10 card games which traditionally utilize a dealer are conducted  
11 at the cardroom. A cardroom operator must at all times employ  
12 and provide a nonplaying supervisor for each table on which an  
13 authorized dominoes game is conducted at the cardroom. Such  
14 dealers or dominoes game supervisors may not have any  
15 participatory interest in any game other than the dealing of  
16 cards or the supervision of dominoes games and may not have an  
17 interest in the outcome of the game. The providing of such  
18 dealers or dominoes games supervisors by a licensee shall not  
19 be construed as constituting the conducting of a banking game  
20 by the cardroom operator.

21 (8) METHOD OF WAGERS; LIMITATION.--

22 (a) No wagering may be conducted using money or other  
23 negotiable currency. Games may only be played utilizing a  
24 wagering system whereby all players' money is first converted  
25 by the house to tokens or chips which shall be used for  
26 wagering only at that specific cardroom. No wager of money or  
27 any other property or thing of value may be made on the  
28 outcome of an authorized game other than by the persons who  
29 are playing in such a game or in a series of such games. Any  
30 wager authorized by this paragraph must be in strict  
31 compliance with this subsection.

1 Section 2. Section 849.0931, Florida Statutes, is  
2 amended to read:

3 849.0931 Bingo authorized; conditions for conduct;  
4 permitted uses of proceeds; limitations.--

5 (1) As used in this section:

6 (a) "Bingo game" means and refers to the activity,  
7 commonly known as "bingo," in which participants pay a sum of  
8 money for the use of one or more bingo cards. When the game  
9 commences, numbers are drawn by chance, one by one, and  
10 announced. The players cover or mark those announced numbers  
11 on the bingo cards which they have purchased until a player  
12 receives a given order of numbers in sequence that has been  
13 preannounced for that particular game. This player calls out  
14 "bingo" and is declared the winner of a predetermined prize.  
15 More than one game may be played upon a bingo card, and  
16 numbers called for one game may be used for a succeeding game  
17 or games.

18 (b) "Bingo card" means and refers to the flat piece of  
19 paper or thin pasteboard, or electronic equivalent, employed  
20 by players engaged in the game of bingo. Each set of bingo  
21 numbers on a ~~The~~ bingo card shall have not fewer than 24  
22 playing numbers printed on it. These playing numbers shall  
23 range from 1 through 75, inclusive. More than one set of bingo  
24 numbers may be printed on any single piece of paper, thereby  
25 creating multiple bingo cards. If a bingo card has more than  
26 one set of bingo numbers available for play in a single game  
27 then each set of bingo numbers is a single bingo card. A bingo  
28 card or electronic equivalent shall be part of a group or  
29 series with recorded or programmed control numbers to ensure  
30 that duplicate bingo cards are not sold for any given game.

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1           (c) "Bingo session" or "session" means a series of  
2 bingo games played in a day or part of a day. No charitable,  
3 nonprofit, or veterans' organization may conduct more than one  
4 bingo session in a day, with each authorized organization  
5 restricted to no more than two sessions of bingo per calendar  
6 week. However, any session in progress that continues past  
7 midnight shall be considered played on the day the session  
8 began.

9           (d) "Calendar week" means a week beginning on Sunday  
10 at midnight and ending at midnight the following Saturday  
11 evening.

12           (e) "Day" means the standard calendar period of 24  
13 consecutive hours ending at midnight.

14           (f)(e) "Charitable, nonprofit, or veterans'  
15 organization" means an organization which has qualified for  
16 exemption from federal income tax as an exempt organization  
17 under the provisions of s. 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code  
18 of 1954 or s. 528 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as  
19 amended; which is engaged in charitable, civic, community,  
20 benevolent, religious, or scholastic works or other similar  
21 activities; and which has been in existence and active for a  
22 period of 3 years or more.

23           (g) "Member" means an individual who has qualified for  
24 and has been granted membership in a nonprofit organization  
25 authorized to conduct bingo and has legal residence in this  
26 state. A member assisting in the conduct of bingo during any  
27 bingo game may not participate as a player during that bingo  
28 game. Only members may assist in the conduct of bingo games.  
29 The member must be 18 years of age or older and meet the  
30 qualifying criteria to be a member of the organization  
31 authorized to conduct bingo according to the organization's

1 constitution and bylaws. A membership organization authorized  
2 to conduct bingo may not waive any established criteria for  
3 membership in the organization solely for the purpose of  
4 qualifying an individual to assist in conducting bingo.

5 ~~(h)(d)~~ "Objects" means a set of 75 balls or other  
6 precision shapes that are imprinted with letters and numbers  
7 in such a way that numbers 1 through 15 are marked with the  
8 letter "B," numbers 16 through 30 are marked with the letter  
9 "I," numbers 31 through 45 are marked with the letter "N,"  
10 numbers 46 through 60 are marked with the letter "G," and  
11 numbers 61 through 75 are marked with the letter "O."

12 ~~(i)(e)~~ "Rack" means the container in which the objects  
13 are placed after being drawn and announced.

14 ~~(j)(f)~~ "Receptacle" means the container from which the  
15 objects are drawn or ejected.

16 ~~(g)~~ "Session" means a designated set of games played  
17 in a day or part of a day.

18 (2)(a) None of the provisions of this chapter shall be  
19 construed to prohibit or prevent charitable, nonprofit, or  
20 veterans' organizations engaged in charitable, civic,  
21 community, benevolent, religious, or scholastic works or other  
22 similar endeavors, which organizations have been in existence  
23 and active for a period of 3 years or more, from conducting  
24 bingo games, provided the entire proceeds derived from the  
25 conduct of such games, less actual business expenses for  
26 articles designed for and essential to the operation, conduct,  
27 and playing of bingo, are donated by such organizations to the  
28 endeavors mentioned above. In no case may the net proceeds  
29 from the conduct of such games be used for any other purpose  
30 whatsoever. The proceeds derived from the conduct of bingo  
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1 games shall not be considered solicitation of public  
2 donations.

3 (b) It is the express intent of the Legislature that  
4 no charitable, nonprofit, or veterans' organization serve as a  
5 sponsor of a bingo game conducted by another, but such  
6 organization may only be directly involved in the conduct of  
7 such a game as provided in this act.

8 (3) If an organization is not engaged in efforts of  
9 the type set out above, its right to conduct bingo games  
10 hereunder is conditioned upon the return of all the proceeds  
11 from such games to the players in the form of prizes. If at  
12 the conclusion of play on any day during which a bingo game is  
13 allowed to be played under this section there remain proceeds  
14 which have not been paid out as prizes, the organization  
15 conducting the game shall at the next scheduled day of play  
16 conduct bingo games without any charge to the players and  
17 shall continue to do so until the proceeds carried over from  
18 the previous days played have been exhausted. This provision  
19 in no way extends the limitation on the number of prize or  
20 jackpot games allowed in a session or one day as provided for  
21 in subsection (5).

22 (4) The right of a condominium association, a  
23 cooperative association, a homeowners' association as defined  
24 in s. 720.301, a mobile home owners' association, a group of  
25 residents of a mobile home park as defined in chapter 723, or  
26 a group of residents of a mobile home park or recreational  
27 vehicle park as defined in chapter 513 to conduct bingo is  
28 conditioned upon the return of the net proceeds from such  
29 games to players in the form of prizes after having deducted  
30 the actual business expenses for such games for articles  
31 designed for and essential to the operation, conduct, and



1 playing of bingo. Any net proceeds remaining after paying  
2 prizes may be donated by the association to a charitable,  
3 nonprofit, or veterans' organization which is exempt from  
4 federal income tax under the provisions of s. 501(c) of the  
5 Internal Revenue Code to be used in such recipient  
6 organization's charitable, civic, community, benevolent,  
7 religious, or scholastic works or similar activities or, in  
8 the alternative, such remaining proceeds shall be used as  
9 specified in subsection (3).

10 (5) No jackpot shall exceed the value of ~~\$500~~\$250 in  
11 actual money or its equivalent, and there shall be no more  
12 than three jackpots in any one session of bingo. All other  
13 games shall pay no more than \$100 each.

14 (6) The number of days per week during which  
15 organizations authorized hereunder may conduct bingo may not  
16 exceed two.

17 (7) In addition to the provisions in subsection (5),  
18 there may be one jackpot game per session known as a  
19 progressive jackpot game with a prize payout of 65 percent of  
20 proceeds. If the progressive jackpot is not won in a session,  
21 a consolation prize of no more than \$100 may be awarded. The  
22 progressive number shall increase one number per organization  
23 authorized to conduct such game until a cover-all winner is  
24 declared. When such a winner is declared, the progressive  
25 jackpot game rolls back to a beginning cover-all number and is  
26 played as above until a winner is declared. An organization  
27 may not allow its progressive jackpot game to be played during  
28 another organization's session. Each authorized organization  
29 must operate its own progressive jackpot, independent from  
30 another authorized organization's session. Organizations shall  
31 maintain a record of such progressive jackpots for audit

1 ~~purposes. There shall be no more than three jackpots on any~~  
2 ~~one day of play. All other game prizes shall not exceed \$50.~~

3 (a) When other than cash is used for prizes, the value  
4 of the merchandise or other noncash considerations awarded as  
5 prizes shall be the purchase price of the merchandise or other  
6 noncash considerations as of the date awarded, regardless of  
7 whether the merchandise was purchased or donated. Any  
8 merchandise offered as a bingo prize must have been paid for  
9 in full before being offered as a prize. Prize limitations set  
10 forth in this section shall apply to all bingo games.

11 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (13)(a), free  
12 games are not allowed.

13 (8) Each bingo session shall be conducted by a single  
14 organization. An organization shall conduct no more than two  
15 bingo sessions per week. An organization shall not conduct  
16 bingo more than 2 days per week. There shall be no more than  
17 two bingo sessions per day conducted on any authorized  
18 premises.

19 ~~(9)(8)~~ Each person involved in the conduct of any  
20 bingo game must be a resident of the community where the  
21 organization is located and a bona fide member of the  
22 organization sponsoring such game ~~and may not be compensated~~  
23 ~~in any way for operation of such bingo game.~~ When bingo games  
24 are conducted by a charitable, nonprofit, or veterans'  
25 organization, the organization conducting the bingo games  
26 shall be required to designate up to three members of that  
27 organization to be in charge of the games, one of whom shall  
28 be present during the entire session at which the bingo games  
29 are conducted. The organization conducting the bingo games is  
30 responsible for posting a notice, which notice states the name  
31 of the organization and the designated member or members, in a

1 conspicuous place on the premises at which the session is  
2 held. In no event may a caller in a bingo game be a  
3 participant in that bingo game.

4 ~~(10)~~(9) Every charitable, nonprofit, or veterans'  
5 organization involved in the conduct of a bingo game must be  
6 located in the county, or within a 15-mile radius of, where  
7 the bingo game is located.

8 ~~(11)~~(10)(a) No one under 18 years of age shall be  
9 allowed to play any bingo game or be involved in the conduct  
10 of a bingo game in any way.

11 (b) Any organization conducting bingo open to the  
12 public may refuse entry to any person who is objectionable or  
13 undesirable to the sponsoring organization, but such refusal  
14 of entry shall not be on the basis of race, creed, color,  
15 religion, sex, national origin, marital status, or physical  
16 handicap.

17 ~~(12)~~(11) Bingo games may be held only on the following  
18 premises:

19 (a) Property owned by the charitable, nonprofit, or  
20 veterans' organization.

21 (b) Property owned by the charitable, nonprofit, or  
22 veterans' organization that will benefit by the proceeds.

23 (c) Property leased for a period of not less than 1  
24 year by a charitable, nonprofit, or veterans' organization,  
25 providing the lease or rental agreement does not provide for  
26 the payment of a percentage of the proceeds generated at such  
27 premises to the lessor or any other party and providing the  
28 rental rate for such premises does not exceed the rental rates  
29 charged for similar premises in the same locale.

30 (d) Property owned by a municipality or a county when  
31 the governing authority has, by appropriate ordinance or

1 resolution, specifically authorized the use of such property  
2 for the conduct of such games.

3 (e) With respect to bingo games conducted by a  
4 condominium association, a cooperative association, a  
5 homeowners' association as defined in s. 720.301, a mobile  
6 home owners' association, a group of residents of a mobile  
7 home park as defined in chapter 723, or a group of residents  
8 of a mobile home park or recreational vehicle park as defined  
9 in chapter 513, property owned by the association, property  
10 owned by the residents of the mobile home park or recreational  
11 vehicle park, or property which is a common area located  
12 within the condominium, mobile home park, or recreational  
13 vehicle park.

14 ~~(13)~~~~(12)~~ Each bingo game shall be conducted in  
15 accordance with the following rules:

16 (a) The objects, whether drawn or ejected, shall be  
17 essentially equal as to size, shape, weight, and balance and  
18 as to all other characteristics that may control their  
19 selection from the receptacle. The caller shall cancel any  
20 game if, during the course of a game, the mechanism used in  
21 the drawing or ejection of objects becomes jammed in such a  
22 manner as to interfere with the accurate determination of the  
23 next number to be announced or if the caller determines that  
24 more than one object is labeled with the same number or that  
25 there is a number to be drawn without a corresponding object.  
26 Any player in a game canceled pursuant to this paragraph shall  
27 be permitted to play the next game free of charge.

28 (b) Prior to commencement of any bingo session, the  
29 member in charge shall cause a verification to be made of all  
30 objects to be placed in the receptacle and shall inspect the  
31 objects in the presence of two or more randomly selected

1 players ~~a disinterested person~~ to ensure that all objects are  
2 present and that there are no duplications or omissions of  
3 numbers on the objects. Any player shall be entitled to call  
4 for a verification of numbers before, during, and after a  
5 session.

6 (c) The card or sheet on which the game is played  
7 shall be part of a deck, group, or series, no two of which may  
8 be alike in any given game.

9 (d) All numbers shall be visibly displayed after being  
10 drawn and before being placed in the rack.

11 (e) A bona fide bingo shall consist of a predesignated  
12 arrangement of numbers on a card or sheet that correspond with  
13 the numbers on the objects drawn from the receptacle and  
14 announced. Errors in numbers announced or misplaced in the  
15 rack may not be recognized as a bingo.

16 (f) When a caller has started to vocally announce a  
17 number, the caller shall complete the call. If any player has  
18 obtained a bingo on a previous number, such player will share  
19 the prize with the player who gained bingo on the last number  
20 called.

21 (g) Numbers on the winning cards or sheets shall be  
22 announced and verified in the presence of another player. Any  
23 player shall be entitled at the time the winner is determined  
24 to call for a verification of numbers drawn. The verification  
25 shall be in the presence of the member designated to be in  
26 charge of the occasion or, if such person is also the caller,  
27 in the presence of another individual ~~an officer of the~~  
28 ~~licensee~~.

29 (h) Upon determining a winner, the caller shall ask, "  
30 Are there any other winners?" If no players reply ~~one replies~~,  
31 the caller shall declare the game closed. No other player is

1 entitled to share the prize unless she or he has declared a  
2 bingo prior to this announcement.

3 (i) Seats may not be held or reserved for a player by  
4 anyone unless such player has paid the appropriate charge for  
5 the occupancy of such seat. No person who is a member of the  
6 sponsoring organization may reserve or make payment for the  
7 purpose of reserving a seat for any player. Accommodations for  
8 persons with physical disabilities shall be made in accordance  
9 with the Americans with Disabilities Act ~~by an organization or~~  
10 ~~person involved in the conduct of any bingo game for players~~  
11 ~~not present, nor may any cards be set aside, held, or reserved~~  
12 ~~from one session to another for any player.~~

13 (14) The regulation and enforcement of bingo conducted  
14 in this state is preempted to the state except for zoning and  
15 matters pertaining to the safety, health, and welfare of bingo  
16 patrons. Any existing local bingo regulation or ordinance that  
17 contains provisions restricting or limiting the number of days  
18 of operation of bingo facilities and that was adopted prior to  
19 March 1, 2005, may be amended to conform to the provisions of  
20 this act. All regulations and ordinances provided for in this  
21 subsection shall remain in full force and effect until  
22 repealed by the enacting county or municipality.

23 (15)(a) No person may conduct or assist in the conduct  
24 of bingo if the person has been convicted within the last 10  
25 years of a felony including fraud, embezzlement, gambling,  
26 theft, or racketeering.

27 (b) No person may be a bingo lessor or employed by a  
28 bingo lessor if the person has been convicted within the last  
29 10 years of a felony including fraud, embezzlement, gambling,  
30 theft, or racketeering.

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1        (c) No bingo organization shall lend, sell, or allow  
2 its identity to be used by anyone for the purpose of  
3 conducting bingo.

4        (d) Any person conducting or assisting in the conduct  
5 of any bingo game or any portion of a bingo game shall not be  
6 allowed to participate as a player during that bingo game.  
7 This provision shall not prohibit such a person from assisting  
8 a player by monitoring the player's bingo cards to allow the  
9 player to use other facilities on the bingo premises.

10       (e) No person under 18 years of age may conduct or  
11 assist in the conduct of bingo or play bingo on any bingo  
12 premises.

13       ~~(16)(13)~~ Any organization or other person who  
14 willfully and knowingly violates any provision of this section  
15 is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as  
16 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. For a second or  
17 subsequent offense, the organization or other person is guilty  
18 of a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.  
19 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

20       Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
21 849.161, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

22       849.161 Amusement games or machines; when chapter  
23 inapplicable.--

24       (1)(a)1. Nothing contained in this chapter shall be  
25 taken or construed as applicable to an arcade amusement center  
26 having amusement games or machines which operate by means of  
27 the insertion of a coin and which by application of skill may  
28 entitle the person playing or operating the game or machine to  
29 receive points or coupons which may be exchanged for  
30 merchandise only, excluding cash and alcoholic beverages,  
31 provided the cost value of the merchandise or prize awarded in

1 exchange for such points or coupons does not exceed 75 cents  
2 on any game played.

3         2. Nothing contained in this chapter shall be taken or  
4 construed as applicable to any bingo facility authorized by s.  
5 849.0931(12)(a)-(d) or any retail dealer who operates as a  
6 truck stop, as defined in chapter 336 and which operates a  
7 minimum of 6 functional diesel fuel pumps, having amusement  
8 games or machines which operate by means of the insertion of a  
9 coin or other currency and which by application of skill may  
10 entitle the person playing or operating the game or machine to  
11 receive points or coupons which may be exchanged for  
12 merchandise limited to noncash prizes, toys, novelties, and  
13 Florida Lottery products, excluding alcoholic beverages,  
14 provided the cost value of the merchandise or prize awarded in  
15 exchange for such points or coupons does not exceed 75 cents  
16 on any game played. This subparagraph applies only to games  
17 and machines which are operated for the entertainment of the  
18 general public and tourists as bona fide amusement games or  
19 machines. This subsection shall not apply, however, to any  
20 game or device defined as a gambling device in 15 U.S.C. s.  
21 1171 ~~24 U.S.C. s. 1171~~, which requires identification of each  
22 device by permanently affixing seriatim numbering and name,  
23 trade name, and date of manufacture under s. 1173, and  
24 registration with the United States Attorney General, unless  
25 excluded from applicability of the chapter under s. 1178.  
26 This subsection shall not be construed to authorize video  
27 poker games or any other game or machine that may be construed  
28 as a gambling device under Florida law.

29         Section 4. Subparagraph 1. of paragraph (a) of  
30 subsection (1) of section 849.161, Florida Statutes, is  
31 amended to read:



1           849.161 Amusement games or machines; when chapter  
2 inapplicable.--

3           (1)(a)1. Nothing contained in this chapter shall be  
4 taken or construed as applicable to an arcade amusement center  
5 having amusement games or machines which operate by means of  
6 the insertion of a coin or other currency and which by  
7 application of skill may entitle the person playing or  
8 operating the game or machine to receive points or coupons  
9 which may be exchanged for merchandise only, excluding cash  
10 and alcoholic beverages, provided the cost value of the  
11 merchandise or prize awarded in exchange for such points or  
12 coupons does not exceed 75 cents on any game played.

13           Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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