

By Senator Fasano

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to cardrooms; amending s.
849.086, F.S.; deleting an exception that
allows pari-mutuel permitholders to operate
cardrooms on certain days when they are not
holding pari-mutuel; providing an effective
date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of section
849.086, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

849.086 Cardrooms authorized.--

(7) CONDITIONS FOR OPERATING A CARDROOM.--

(b) A cardroom may be operated at the facility only on
days when the facility is authorized to accept wagers on
~~pari-mutuel events during its authorized meet. A cardroom may~~
~~operate~~ between the hours of 12 noon and 12 midnight ~~on any~~
~~day a pari mutuel event is conducted live as a part of its~~
~~authorized meet. However, a permitholder who holds a valid~~
~~cardroom license may operate a cardroom between the hours of~~
~~12 noon and 12 midnight on any day that live racing of the~~
~~same class of permit is occurring within 35 miles of its~~
~~facility if no other holder of that same class of permit~~
~~within 35 miles is operating a cardroom at such time and if~~
~~all holders of the same class of permit within the 35 mile~~
~~area have given their permission in writing to the~~
~~permitholder to operate the cardroom during the designated~~
~~period.~~ Application to operate a cardroom under this paragraph
must be made to the division as part of the annual license
application.

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

SENATE SUMMARY

Deletes a provision that allows a pari-mutuel
permitholder to operate cardrooms on days when it is not
holding pari-mutuel events if certain live racing is
being conducted within 35 miles of the facility and other
conditions are met.