

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senator Bullard

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to cardrooms; amending s.
 3 849.086, F.S.; revising definitions to include
 4 dominoes as an authorized game and to allow
 5 games other than card games to be played in
 6 cardrooms; authorizing rulemaking relating to
 7 poker and dominoes by the Division of
 8 Pari-mutuel Wagering of the Department of
 9 Business and Professional Regulation; providing
 10 for supervision of dominoes games at a
 11 cardroom; limiting wagering related to
 12 authorized games; providing an effective date.

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

16 Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (2),
 17 paragraph (a) of subsection (4), paragraph (c) of subsection
 18 (7), and paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section 849.086,
 19 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

20 849.086 Cardrooms authorized.--

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

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

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

30 (4) AUTHORITY OF DIVISION.--The Division of
 31 Pari-mutuel Wagering of the Department of Business and

1 Professional Regulation shall administer this section and
2 regulate the operation of cardrooms under this section and the
3 rules adopted pursuant thereto, and is hereby authorized to:

4 (a) Adopt rules, including, but not limited to: the
5 issuance of cardroom and employee licenses for cardroom
6 operations; the operation of a cardroom; the review and
7 approval of the play and wagering in a game or series of games
8 of poker or a game of dominoes; recordkeeping and reporting
9 requirements; and the collection of all fees and taxes imposed
10 by this section.

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

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

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

26 (a) No wagering may be conducted using money or other
27 negotiable currency. Games may only be played utilizing a
28 wagering system whereby all players' money is first converted
29 by the house to tokens or chips which shall be used for
30 wagering only at that specific cardroom. No wager of money or
31 any other property or thing of value may be made on the

1 outcome of an authorized game other than by the persons who
2 are playing in such a game or in a series of such games. Any
3 wager authorized by this paragraph must be in strict
4 compliance with this subsection.

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

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7 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
8 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
9 Senate Bill 2432

10 The committee substitute allows the Division of Pari-mutuel
11 Wagering of the Department of Business and Professional
12 Regulation (division) to adopt rules for the review and
13 approval of the play and wagering in a game or series of games
14 of poker or a game of dominoes.

15 The committee substitute provides that a cardroom operator
16 must at all times employ and provide a nonplaying,
17 nonparticipating supervisor for each table on which an
18 authorized dominoes game is conducted at the cardroom. The
19 providing of dominoes games does not constitute conducting a
20 banking game by the cardroom operator.

21 The committee substitute provides that a wager of money or any
22 other property or thing of value may be made on the outcome of
23 an authorized game only by the players. Any wager must be in
24 strict compliance with the provisions of the act.

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