

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to cardrooms; amending s. 849.086, F.S.;  
 3           providing for cardrooms to conduct games of dominoes;  
 4           revising definitions; defining "dominoes"; providing an  
 5           effective date.

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 7   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9           Section 1. Paragraphs (a), (c), and (e) of subsection (2)  
 10          and paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section 849.086, Florida  
 11          Statutes, are amended, paragraphs (h), (i), (j), and (k) of  
 12          subsection (2) of said section are redesignated as paragraphs  
 13          (i), (j), (k), and (l), respectively, and a new paragraph (h) is  
 14          added to said subsection, to read:

15               849.086 Cardrooms authorized.--

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

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

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

24               (e) "Cardroom distributor" means any business that  
 25          distributes cardroom paraphernalia such as card tables, betting  
 26          chips, chip holders, dominoes, dominoes tables, drop boxes,  
 27          banking supplies, playing cards, card shufflers, and other  
 28          associated equipment to authorized cardrooms.

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

36        (6) BUSINESS AND EMPLOYEE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE REQUIRED;  
37 APPLICATION; FEES.--

38        (a) A person employed or otherwise working in a cardroom  
39 as a cardroom manager, floor supervisor, pit boss, dealer, or  
40 any other activity related to cardroom operations while the  
41 facility is conducting card playing or games of dominoes must  
42 hold a valid cardroom employee occupational license issued by  
43 the division. Food service, maintenance, and security employees  
44 with a current pari-mutuel occupational license and a current  
45 background check will not be required to have a cardroom  
46 employee occupational license.

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