HB 1101 2006

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to slot machine licenses; creating the "Equal Treatment Under the Law Act"; amending s. 551.104, F.S.; revising requirements for issuance or renewal of a slot machine license; requiring the applicant to have on file certain agreements with the Florida Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association, the Florida Greyhound Association, Inc., and the International Jai Alai Players Association which govern the payment of purses and awards; providing an effective date.

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This act may be cited as the "Equal Treatment Under the Law Act."

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (10) of section 551.104, Florida Statutes, as created by chapter 2005-362, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

551.104 License to conduct slot machine gaming. --

No slot machine license or renewal thereof shall be issued to an applicant holding a permit under chapter 550 to conduct pari-mutuel wagering meets of thoroughbred racing unless the applicant has on file with the division a binding written agreement between the applicant and the Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, Inc., the Florida Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association, the Florida Greyhound Association, Inc., and the International Jai Alai Players Association governing the payment of purses and awards

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on live thoroughbred races or games conducted at the licensee's pari-mutuel facility. In addition, no slot machine license or renewal thereof shall be issued to such an applicant unless the applicant has on file with the division a binding written agreement between the applicant and the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, Inc., governing the payment of breeders', stallion, and special racing awards on live thoroughbred races conducted at the licensee's pari-mutuel facility, and the Florida Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association, the Florida Greyhound Association, Inc., and the International Jai Alai Players Association governing the payment of purses and awards on live races or games conducted at the licensee's parimutuel facility. The agreement governing purses and the agreement governing awards may direct the payment of such purses and awards from revenues generated by any wagering or gaming the applicant is authorized to conduct under Florida law. All purses and awards shall be subject to the terms of chapter 550. All sums for breeders', stallion, and special racing awards shall be remitted monthly to the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, Inc., for the payment of awards subject to the administrative fee authorized in s. 550.2625(3).

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.