

By Senator Bullard

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to cardrooms; amending s.  
849.086, F.S.; providing for cardrooms to  
conduct games of dominoes; revising  
definitions; defining "dominoes"; providing an  
effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (a), (c), and (e) of subsection  
(2) and paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section 849.086,  
Florida Statutes, are amended, paragraphs (h), (i), (j), and  
(k) of subsection (2) of that section are redesignated as  
paragraphs (i), (j), (k), and (l), respectively, and a new  
paragraph (h) is added to that subsection, to read:

849.086 Cardrooms authorized.--

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

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

(c) "Cardroom" means a facility where authorized ~~card~~  
games are played for money or anything of value and to which  
the public is invited to participate in such games and charged  
a fee for participation by the operator of such facility.

Authorized games and cardrooms do not constitute casino gaming  
operations.

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

1           (h) "Dominoes" means a game of dominoes typically  
2 played with a set of 28 flat rectangular blocks, called bones,  
3 marked on one side, which is divided into two equal parts,  
4 with from zero to six dots, called pips, in each part. There  
5 are larger sets of blocks that contain a correspondingly  
6 higher number of pips. The term "dominoes" also refers to the  
7 set of blocks used to play the game.

8           (6) BUSINESS AND EMPLOYEE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE  
9 REQUIRED; APPLICATION; FEES.--

10           (a) A person employed or otherwise working in a  
11 cardroom as a cardroom manager, floor supervisor, pit boss,  
12 dealer, or any other activity related to cardroom operations  
13 while the facility is conducting card playing or games of  
14 dominoes must hold a valid cardroom employee occupational  
15 license issued by the division. Food service, maintenance, and  
16 security employees with a current pari-mutuel occupational  
17 license and a current background check will not be required to  
18 have a cardroom employee occupational license.

19           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.  
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