

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Business Regulation Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to cardrooms; amending s. 849.086, F.S.;
7 providing for cardrooms to conduct games of dominoes;
8 revising definitions; defining "dominoes"; revising
9 rulemaking authority to provide for review and approval of
10 the play and wagering in a game or series of games of
11 poker or a game of dominoes; providing for dominoes game
12 supervisors; restricting wagers on games; providing an
13 effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Paragraphs (a), (c), and (e) of subsection (2),
18 paragraph (a) of subsection (4), paragraph (a) of subsection
19 (6), paragraph (c) of subsection (7), and paragraph (a) of
20 subsection (8) of section 849.086, Florida Statutes, are
21 amended, present paragraphs (h), (i), (j), and (k) of subsection
22 (2) of that section are redesignated as paragraphs (i), (j),

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23 (k), and (l), respectively, and a new paragraph (h) is added to
24 that subsection, to read:

25 849.086 Cardrooms authorized.--

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

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

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

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

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

46 (4) AUTHORITY OF DIVISION.--The Division of Pari-mutuel
47 Wagering of the Department of Business and Professional
48 Regulation shall administer this section and regulate the
49 operation of cardrooms under this section and the rules adopted
50 pursuant thereto, and is hereby authorized to:

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51 (a) Adopt rules, including, but not limited to: the
52 issuance of cardroom and employee licenses for cardroom
53 operations; the operation of a cardroom; the review and approval
54 of the play and wagering in a game or series of games of poker
55 or a game of dominoes; recordkeeping and reporting requirements;
56 and the collection of all fees and taxes imposed by this
57 section.

58 (6) BUSINESS AND EMPLOYEE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE REQUIRED;
59 APPLICATION; FEES.--

60 (a) A person employed or otherwise working in a cardroom
61 as a cardroom manager, floor supervisor, pit boss, dealer, or
62 any other activity related to cardroom operations while the
63 facility is conducting card playing or games of dominoes must
64 hold a valid cardroom employee occupational license issued by
65 the division. Food service, maintenance, and security employees
66 with a current pari-mutuel occupational license and a current
67 background check will not be required to have a cardroom
68 employee occupational license.

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

70 (c) A cardroom operator must at all times employ and
71 provide a nonplaying dealer for each table on which authorized
72 card games which traditionally utilize a dealer are conducted at
73 the cardroom. A cardroom operator must at all times employ and
74 provide a nonplaying supervisor for each table on which an
75 authorized game of dominoes is conducted in the cardroom. Such
76 dealers or dominoes game supervisors may not have any
77 participatory interest in any game other than the dealing of
78 cards or the supervision of a game of dominoes and may not have

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79 | an interest in the outcome of the game. The providing of such
80 | dealers or dominoes game supervisors by a licensee shall not be
81 | construed as constituting the conducting of a banking game by
82 | the cardroom operator.

83 | (8) METHOD OF WAGERS; LIMITATION.--

84 | (a) No wagering may be conducted using money or other
85 | negotiable currency. Games may only be played utilizing a
86 | wagering system whereby all players' money is first converted by
87 | the house to tokens or chips which shall be used for wagering
88 | only at that specific cardroom. No wager of money or any other
89 | property or thing of value may be made on the outcome of an
90 | authorized game other than by the persons who are playing in
91 | such a game or in a series of such games. Any wager must be in
92 | strict compliance with this section.

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