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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to cardrooms; amending s. 849.086, F.S.; revising timeframe requirements for hours of operation for cardrooms; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of section 849.086, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

849.086 Cardrooms authorized.--

- (7) CONDITIONS FOR OPERATING A CARDROOM. --
- A cardroom may be operated at the facility only when the facility is authorized to accept wagers on pari-mutuel events during its authorized meet. A cardroom may operate during any continuous 12-hour period between the hours of 12 noon and 12 midnight on any day a pari-mutuel event is conducted live as a part of its authorized meet. However, a permitholder who holds a valid cardroom license may operate a cardroom during any continuous 12-hour period between the hours of 12 noon and 12 midnight on any day that live racing of the same class of permit is occurring within 35 miles of its facility if no other holder of that same class of permit within 35 miles is operating a cardroom at such time and if all holders of the same class of permit within the 35-mile area have given their permission in writing to the permitholder to operate the cardroom during the designated period. Application to operate a cardroom under this paragraph must be made to the division as part of the annual license application.

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

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