

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to impact of slot machine gaming; creating s. 551.1062, F.S.; requiring an annual fee to be established by the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering and collected from slot machine gaming facilities to mitigate the impact of slot machine gaming on neighboring municipalities; defining "neighboring municipality"; providing for the use of the revenue collected; providing procedures for collection and distribution by the division to neighboring municipalities; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 551.1062, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

551.1062 Mitigation of impact; fee.--An annual fee not to exceed \$1,000, established by the division, is imposed upon each slot machine approved for use at any eligible facility that is within 1 mile of any neighboring municipality. As used in this section, the term "neighboring municipality" means a municipality that does not have an eligible facility but is adjacent to an eligible facility and will have public safety, police, and fire and rescue impacts that are demonstrated by significant increased aid calls to affected municipalities that are not currently funded. Revenue from the fees imposed by this section must be used by the neighboring municipality to fund the adverse public health, safety, and welfare and public works and

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29 traffic impacts that will be caused by the implementation of s.
30 23, Art. X of the State Constitution and that will occur as a
31 direct result of slot machine operations. Each year, the fee
32 shall be remitted to the division to be deposited into the Pari-
33 mutuel Wagering Trust Fund and distributed to any neighboring
34 municipality that has provided evidence to the division of
35 significant local impacts from slot machine operations during
36 the prior year. Criteria for significant local impacts under
37 this section shall be established by the division by rule
38 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 but shall include
39 increased crime incident reports, fire and rescue and emergency
40 medical incident reports, and traffic flow and infrastructure
41 impacts. The fee must be remitted by February 1 of each year
42 based on the number of slot machines approved for operation by
43 the division as of January 1. The funds shall be designated by
44 the division on a pro rata basis to the affected neighboring
45 municipalities.

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