

By Senator Fasano

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1                                   A bill to be entitled

2           An act relating to cardrooms; amending s.

3           849.086, F.S.; redefining the term "authorized

4           game"; authorizing certain horserace, greyhound

5           race, or jai alai permitholders licensed under

6           ch. 849, F.S., to operate a cardroom at the

7           pari-mutuel facility during designated times;

8           deleting provisions authorizing the operation

9           of a cardroom only when a live pari-mutuel

10          event is conducted at the facility or when live

11          racing is occurring within a 35-mile area;

12          prescribing a maximum amount that may be

13          wagered in any authorized game involving a

14          single wager; providing an effective date.

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

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18           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2), paragraph

19           (b) of subsection (7), and paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of

20           section 849.086, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

21           849.086 Cardrooms authorized.--

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

23           (a) "Authorized game" means a game or series of games

24           of ~~cards poker~~ which are played in a nonbanking manner.

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

26           (b) Any horserace, greyhound race, or jai alai

27           permitholder licensed under this chapter may operate a

28           cardroom at the pari-mutuel facility on any day between the

29           hours of 12 noon and 12 midnight if the permitholder conducted

30           a full schedule of live racing or games in the preceding year.

31           ~~A cardroom may be operated at the facility only when the~~

1 ~~facility is authorized to accept wagers on pari mutuel events~~  
2 ~~during its authorized meet. A cardroom may operate between the~~  
3 ~~hours of 12 noon and 12 midnight on any day a pari mutuel~~  
4 ~~event is conducted live as a part of its authorized meet.~~  
5 ~~However, a permitholder who holds a valid cardroom license may~~  
6 ~~operate a cardroom between the hours of 12 noon and 12~~  
7 ~~midnight on any day that live racing of the same class of~~  
8 ~~permit is occurring within 35 miles of its facility if no~~  
9 ~~other holder of that same class of permit within 35 miles is~~  
10 ~~operating a cardroom at such time and if all holders of the~~  
11 ~~same class of permit within the 35 mile area have given their~~  
12 ~~permission in writing to the permitholder to operate the~~  
13 ~~cardroom during the designated period.~~ Application to operate  
14 a cardroom under this paragraph must be made to the division  
15 as part of the annual license application.

16 (8) METHOD OF WAGERS; LIMITATION.--

17 (b) The cardroom operator may limit the amount wagered  
18 in any game or series of games, but the maximum bet may not  
19 exceed \$2 in value. There may not be more than three raises in  
20 any round of betting. The fee charged by the cardroom for  
21 participation in the game may ~~shall~~ not be included in the  
22 calculation of the limitation on the bet amount provided in  
23 this paragraph. However, in any authorized game that involves  
24 a single wager per hand rather than multiple rounds of  
25 betting, the maximum amount that may be wagered on any hand is  
26 \$40.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.  
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SENATE SUMMARY

Revises the definition of "authorized game." Permits horserace, greyhound race, or jai alai permitholders licensed under this section to operate a cardroom at the pari-mutuel facility at designated times. Prescribes a maximum amount that may be wagered in any authorized game that involves a single wager.