

Bill No. SB 216

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The Committee on Regulated Industries (Geller) recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 849.086, Florida Statutes, is amended, present subsections (9) through (17) of that subsection are redesignated as subsections (10) through (18), respectively, and new subsections (9) are added to that section, 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 which are played in a nonbanking manner.

(b) "Banking game" means a game in which the house is a participant in the game, taking on players, paying winners, and collecting from losers or in which the cardroom establishes a bank against which participants play.

(c) "Cardroom" means a facility where authorized card

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1 games are played for money or anything of value and to which  
2 the public is invited to participate in such games and charged  
3 a fee for participation by the operator of such facility.

4 Authorized games and cardrooms do not constitute casino gaming  
5 operations.

6 (d) "Cardroom management company" means any individual  
7 not an employee of the cardroom operator, any proprietorship,  
8 partnership, corporation, or other entity that enters into an  
9 agreement with a cardroom operator to manage, operate, or  
10 otherwise control the daily operation of a cardroom.

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

16 (f) "Cardroom operator" means a licensed pari-mutuel  
17 permitholder which holds a valid permit and license issued by  
18 the division pursuant to chapter 550 and which also holds a  
19 valid cardroom license issued by the division pursuant to this  
20 section which authorizes such person to operate a cardroom and  
21 to conduct authorized games in such cardroom.

22 (h) "Gross receipts" means the total amount of money  
23 received by a cardroom from any person for participation in  
24 authorized games.

25 (i) "High-stakes poker" means a game of poker which is  
26 played without limits on the amount wagered in any game or  
27 series of games or without limits on the rounds of betting  
28 established in this section.

29 ~~(j)(i)~~ "House" means the cardroom operator and all  
30 employees of the cardroom operator.

31 ~~(k)(j)~~ "Net proceeds" means the total amount of gross

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1 receipts received by a cardroom operator from cardroom  
 2 operations less direct operating expenses related to cardroom  
 3 operations, including labor costs, admission taxes only if a  
 4 separate admission fee is charged for entry to the cardroom  
 5 facility, gross receipts taxes imposed on cardroom operators  
 6 by this section, the annual cardroom license fees imposed by  
 7 this section on each table operated at a cardroom, and  
 8 reasonable promotional costs excluding officer and director  
 9 compensation, interest on capital debt, legal fees, real  
 10 estate taxes, bad debts, contributions or donations, or  
 11 overhead and depreciation expenses not directly related to the  
 12 operation of the cardrooms.

13       ~~(1)(\*)~~ "Rake" means a set fee or percentage of the pot  
 14 assessed by a cardroom operator for providing the services of  
 15 a dealer, table, or location for playing the authorized game.

16       (9) HIGH-STAKES POKER TOURNAMENTS.--A cardroom  
 17 operator may host a televised high-stakes poker tournament  
 18 twice each year for 1 week at a pari-mutuel facility that is  
 19 authorized to operate cardrooms during the hours that the  
 20 pari-mutuel facility is open to conduct business. Such a  
 21 tournament may be conducted only once in any 6-month period.

22           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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 25 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

26 And the title is amended as follows:

27           Delete everything before the enacting clause

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 29 and insert:

30                           A bill to be entitled

31                   An act relating to cardrooms

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1 amending s. 849.086, F.S.; providing definitions; authorizing  
2 cardroom operators to host high-stakes poker tournaments at  
3 certain pari-mutuel facilities; providing limitations;  
4 providing an effective date.

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