

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to cardrooms; amending s. 849.086, F.S.;
 3 providing for cardrooms to conduct games of dominoes;
 4 revising definitions; defining "dominoes"; revising
 5 rulemaking authority to provide for review and approval of
 6 the play and wagering in a game or series of games of
 7 poker or a game of dominoes; providing for dominoes game
 8 supervisors; restricting wagers on games; providing an
 9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Paragraphs (a), (c), and (e) of subsection (2),
 14 paragraph (a) of subsection (4), paragraph (a) of subsection
 15 (6), paragraph (c) of subsection (7), and paragraph (a) of
 16 subsection (8) of section 849.086, Florida Statutes, are
 17 amended, present paragraphs (h), (i), (j), and (k) of subsection
 18 (2) of that section are redesignated as paragraphs (i), (j),
 19 (k), and (l), respectively, and a new paragraph (h) is added to
 20 that subsection, 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 of
 24 poker or dominoes which are played in a nonbanking manner.

25 (c) "Cardroom" means a facility where authorized ~~card~~
 26 games are played for money or anything of value and to which the
 27 public is invited to participate in such games and charged a fee
 28 for participation by the operator of such facility. Authorized

29 games and cardrooms do not constitute casino gaming operations.

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

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

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

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

54 (6) BUSINESS AND EMPLOYEE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE REQUIRED;
 55 APPLICATION; FEES.--

56 (a) A person employed or otherwise working in a cardroom

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

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

66 (c) A cardroom operator must at all times employ and
67 provide a nonplaying dealer for each table on which authorized
68 card games which traditionally utilize a dealer are conducted at
69 the cardroom. A cardroom operator must at all times employ and
70 provide a nonplaying supervisor for each table on which an
71 authorized game of dominoes is conducted in the cardroom. Such
72 dealers or dominoes game supervisors may not have any
73 participatory interest in any game other than the dealing of
74 cards or the supervision of a game of dominoes and may not have
75 an interest in the outcome of the game. The providing of such
76 dealers or dominoes game supervisors by a licensee shall not be
77 construed as constituting the conducting of a banking game by
78 the cardroom operator.

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

80 (a) No wagering may be conducted using money or other
81 negotiable currency. Games may only be played utilizing a
82 wagering system whereby all players' money is first converted by
83 the house to tokens or chips which shall be used for wagering
84 only at that specific cardroom. No wager of money or any other

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85 property or thing of value may be made on the outcome of an
86 authorized game other than by the persons who are playing in
87 such a game or in a series of such games. Any wager must be in
88 strict compliance with this section.

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