

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to cardroom operations; amending s.
 3 849.086, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
 4 "authorized game"; providing hours of operation for
 5 cardrooms at any horserace, greyhound, or jai alai
 6 facility that conducted a full schedule of live racing or
 7 games in the preceding year; deleting a provision
 8 authorizing cardrooms to operate only during authorized
 9 pari-mutuel events; deleting an exception that allows
 10 pari-mutuel permitholders to operate cardrooms on certain
 11 days when they are not holding pari-mutuel events;
 12 limiting the amount of a wager in certain games; providing
 13 an effective date.

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

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 17 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2), paragraph (b)
 18 of subsection (7), and paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of
 19 section 849.086, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

20 849.086 Cardrooms authorized.--

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

22 (a) "Authorized game" means a game or series of games of
 23 cards ~~poker~~ which are played in a nonbanking manner.

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

25 (b) Any horserace, greyhound, or jai alai permitholder
 26 licensed under this section may operate a cardroom at the pari-
 27 mutuel facility on any day between the hours of 12 noon and 12
 28 midnight if the permitholder conducted a full schedule of live

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29 ~~racing or games in the preceding year. A cardroom may be~~
30 ~~operated at the facility only when the facility is authorized to~~
31 ~~accept wagers on pari-mutuel events during its authorized meet.~~
32 ~~A cardroom may operate between the hours of 12 noon and 12~~
33 ~~midnight on any day a pari-mutuel event is conducted live as a~~
34 ~~part of its authorized meet. However, a permitholder who holds a~~
35 ~~valid cardroom license may operate a cardroom between the hours~~
36 ~~of 12 noon and 12 midnight on any day that live racing of the~~
37 ~~same class of permit is occurring within 35 miles of its~~
38 ~~facility if no other holder of that same class of permit within~~
39 ~~35 miles is operating a cardroom at such time and if all holders~~
40 ~~of the same class of permit within the 35 mile area have given~~
41 ~~their permission in writing to the permitholder to operate the~~
42 ~~eardroom during the designated period. Application to operate a~~
43 ~~cardroom under this paragraph must be made to the division as~~
44 ~~part of the annual license application.~~

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

46 (b) The cardroom operator may limit the amount wagered in
47 any game or series of games, but the maximum bet may not exceed
48 \$2 in value. There may not be more than three raises in any
49 round of betting. However, in any authorized game that involves
50 a single wager per hand rather than multiple rounds of betting,
51 the maximum amount that may be wagered on any hand is \$40. The
52 fee charged by the cardroom for participation in the game shall
53 not be included in the calculation of the limitation on the bet
54 amount provided in this paragraph.

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