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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to pari-mutuel wagering permitholders;
3 amending s. 550.054, F.S.; providing for a jai alai
4 permitholder meeting certain conditions to apply to the
5 Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering to convert a permit to
6 conduct jai alai to a permit to conduct greyhound racing;
7 directing the division to issue a permit and license to
8 conduct greyhound racing if certain conditions are met;
9 providing for the relocation of certain permits; amending
10 s. 550.0555, F.S.; providing for the relocation of certain
11 permits to conduct greyhound dogracing; amending s.
12 550.0951, F.S.; revising tax on handle for live dogracing;
13 providing for an incentive tax on handle when the handle
14 exceeds certain amounts; amending s. 550.615, F.S.;

15 removing certain restrictions on conducting intertrack
16 wagering at certain facilities; providing an effective
17 date.

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

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21 Section 1. Subsection (14) is added to section 550.054,
22 Florida Statutes, to read:

23 550.054 Application for permit to conduct pari-mutuel
24 wagering.--

25 (14) (a) Any holder of a permit to conduct jai alai may
26 apply to the division to convert such permit to a permit to
27 conduct greyhound racing in lieu of jai alai if:

28 1. Such permit was not previously converted from any other
29 class of permit and the holder of that permit has not conducted
30 jai alai games during a period of 10 years immediately preceding
31 his or her application for conversion under this subsection; or

32 2. Such permit was issued pursuant to s. 550.0745.

33 (b) The division, upon application from the holder of a
34 jai alai permit meeting all conditions of this section, shall
35 convert the permit and shall issue to the holder of the permit a
36 permit and license to conduct greyhound racing. The holder of a
37 permit converted pursuant to this subsection which operates at a
38 leased facility pursuant to s. 550.475 may move the location for
39 which the permit has been issued to another location within a
40 30-mile radius of the location fixed in the permit issued in
41 that county, provided the move does not cross the county
42 boundary and such location is approved under the zoning
43 regulations of the county or municipality in which the permit is
44 located, and upon such relocation may use the permit for any
45 authorized purpose, including the conduct of pari-mutuel
46 wagering and the operation of a cardroom. The provisions of s.
47 550.6305(9)(d) and (f) shall continue to apply to any permit
48 converted under this subsection which was previously included
49 under and subject to such provisions.

50 Section 2. Subsection (3) is added to section 550.0555,
51 Florida Statutes, to read:

52 550.0555 Greyhound dogracing permits; relocation within a
53 county; conditions.--

54 (3) Any holder of a valid outstanding permit for greyhound
55 dogracing who, during the immediate preceding state fiscal year,

56 operated at a leased facility pursuant to s. 550.475 may move
 57 the location for which the permit has been issued to another
 58 location within a 30-mile radius of the location fixed in the
 59 permit issued in that county, provided the move does not cross
 60 the county boundary and such relocation is approved under the
 61 zoning regulations of the county or municipality in which the
 62 permit is to be located, and upon such relocation may use the
 63 permit for any authorized purpose, including the conduct of
 64 pari-mutuel wagering and the operation of a cardroom.

65 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
 66 550.0951, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

67 550.0951 Payment of daily license fee and taxes;
 68 penalties.--

69 (3) TAX ON HANDLE.--Each permitholder shall pay a tax on
 70 contributions to pari-mutuel pools, the aggregate of which is
 71 hereinafter referred to as "handle," on races or games conducted
 72 by the permitholder. The tax is imposed daily and is based on
 73 the total contributions to all pari-mutuel pools conducted
 74 during the daily performance. If a permitholder conducts more
 75 than one performance daily, the tax is imposed on each
 76 performance separately.

77 (b)1. The tax on handle for dogracing is 5.5 percent of
 78 the handle, except that for live charity performances held
 79 pursuant to s. 550.0351, and for intertrack wagering on such
 80 charity performances at a guest greyhound track within the
 81 market area of the host, the tax is 7.6 percent of the handle.
 82 Any permitholder whose live dogracing handle is over \$20 million
 83 shall be entitled to an incentive tax rate. The tax on live

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84 handle from \$20,000,001 to \$25,000,000 shall be 3 percent of
85 such handle. The tax on live handle over \$25,000,000 shall be
86 0.5 percent of such handle.

87 2. The tax on handle for jai alai is 7.1 percent of the
88 handle.

89 Section 4. Subsection (8) of section 550.615, Florida
90 Statutes, is amended to read:

91 550.615 Intertrack wagering.--

92 (8) A ~~In any three contiguous counties of the state where~~
93 ~~there are only three permitholders, all of which are greyhound~~
94 ~~permitholders, if any permitholder who~~ leases the facility of
95 another permitholder for all or any portion of the conduct of
96 its live race meet pursuant to s. 550.475, ~~such lessee~~ may
97 conduct intertrack wagering at its pre-lease permitted facility
98 throughout the entire year, including while its live meet is
99 being conducted at the leased facility, if such permitholder has
100 conducted a full schedule of live racing during the preceding
101 fiscal year at its pre-lease permitted facility or at a leased
102 facility, or combination thereof.

103 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.