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<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
Comm: RS	.	
4/1/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Regulated Industries (Aronberg) recommended the
 2 following **amendment**:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

5 Delete everything after the enacting clause
6 and insert:

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

10 550.054 Application for permit to conduct pari-mutuel
11 wagering.--

12 (14) Any holder of a permit to conduct jai alai may apply
 13 to the division to convert such permit to a permit to conduct
 14 greyhound racing in lieu of jai alai if such permit is located in
 15 a county where the division has issued two pari-mutuel permits
 16 and the holder of the permit has not conducted jai alai games
 17 during the 10-year period immediately preceding his or her



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18 application for conversion under this subsection. The division,
19 upon application from the holder of a jai alai permit meeting all
20 conditions of this section, shall convert the permit and shall
21 issue to the holder of the permit a permit and license to conduct
22 greyhound racing. The holder of a permit converted pursuant to
23 this subsection who operates at a leased facility pursuant to s.
24 550.475 may move the location for which the permit has been
25 issued to another location within a 30-mile radius of the
26 location fixed in the permit issued in that county if the move
27 does not cross the county boundary and such location is approved
28 under the zoning regulations of the county or municipality in
29 which the permit is located and, upon such relocation, may use
30 the permit for the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering and the
31 operation of a cardroom. The provisions of s. 550.6305(9)(d) and
32 (f) shall continue to apply to any permit converted under this
33 subsection which was previously included under and subject to
34 such provisions.

35 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
36 550.0951, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

37 550.0951 Payment of daily license fee and taxes;
38 penalties.--

39 (3) TAX ON HANDLE.--Each permitholder shall pay a tax on
40 contributions to pari-mutuel pools, the aggregate of which is
41 hereinafter referred to as "handle," on races or games conducted
42 by the permitholder. The tax is imposed daily and is based on the
43 total contributions to all pari-mutuel pools conducted during the
44 daily performance. If a permitholder conducts more than one
45 performance daily, the tax is imposed on each performance
46 separately.

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47 (b)1. The tax on handle for dogracing is 5.5 percent of the
48 handle, except that for live charity performances held pursuant
49 to s. 550.0351, and for intertrack wagering on such charity
50 performances at a guest greyhound track within the market area of
51 the host, the tax is 7.6 percent of the handle. Any permitholder
52 whose live dogracing handle is greater than \$20 million during
53 the state fiscal year is entitled to an incentive tax rate. The
54 tax on live handle from \$20,000,001 to \$25 million is 3 percent
55 of such handle for the remainder of the state fiscal year. The
56 tax on live handle greater than \$25 million is 0.5 percent of
57 such handle for the remainder of the state fiscal year. The
58 incentive tax rates in this subsection shall be applied the
59 following calendar day after the handle threshold is met.

60 2. The tax on handle for jai alai is 7.1 percent of the
61 handle.

62 Section 3. Subsection (8) of section 550.615, Florida
63 Statutes, is amended to read:

64 550.615 Intertrack wagering.--

65 (8) ~~A In any three contiguous counties of the state where~~
66 ~~there are only three permitholders, all of which are greyhound~~
67 ~~permitholders, if any permitholder who leases the facility of~~
68 another permitholder for all or any portion of the conduct of its
69 live race meet pursuant to s. 550.475, ~~such lessee~~ may conduct
70 intertrack wagering at its pre-lease permitted facility
71 throughout the entire year, including while its live meet is
72 being conducted at the leased facility, if such permitholder has
73 conducted a full schedule of live racing during the preceding
74 fiscal year at its pre-lease permitted facility or at a leased
75 facility, or combination thereof.

76 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.



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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause
and insert:

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to pari-mutuel wagering permitholders;
amending s. 550.054, F.S.; providing for a jai alai
permitholder meeting certain conditions to apply to the
Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering to convert a permit to
conduct jai alai to a permit to conduct greyhound racing;
directing the division to issue a permit and license to
conduct greyhound racing if certain conditions are met;
providing for the relocation of certain permits; amending
s. 550.0951, F.S.; revising the tax on handle for live
dogracing; providing for an incentive tax on handle when
the handle exceeds certain amounts; amending s. 550.615,
F.S.; removing certain restrictions on conducting
intertrack wagering at certain facilities; providing an
effective date.