

By the Committees on General Government Appropriations;
Regulated Industries; and Senator Aronberg

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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 to conduct
8 greyhound racing if certain conditions are met; providing
9 for the relocation of certain permits; providing an
10 effective date.

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

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

16 550.054 Application for permit to conduct pari-mutuel
17 wagering.--

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

21 1. Such permit is located in a county in which the division
22 has issued 2 pari-mutuel permits pursuant to this section;

23 2. Such permit was not previously converted from any other
24 class of permit; and

25 3. The holder of the permit has not conducted jai alai
26 games during a period of 10 years immediately preceding his or
27 her application for conversion under this subsection.

28 (b) The division, upon application from the holder of a jai
29 alai permit meeting all conditions of this section, shall convert

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30 the permit and shall issue to the permit holder a permit to
31 conduct greyhound racing. A permit holder of a permit converted
32 under this section shall be required to apply for and conduct a
33 full schedule of live racing each fiscal year to be eligible for
34 any tax credit provided by this chapter. The holder of a permit
35 converted pursuant to this subsection or any holder of a permit
36 to conduct greyhound racing located in a county in which it is
37 the only permit issued pursuant to this section who 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 30-
40 mile radius of the location fixed in the permit issued in that
41 county, provided the move does not cross the county boundary and
42 such location is approved under the zoning regulations of the
43 county or municipality in which the permit is located, and upon
44 such relocation may use the permit for the conduct of pari-mutuel
45 wagering and the operation of a cardroom. The provisions of s.
46 550.6305(9)(d) and (f) shall apply to any permit converted under
47 this subsection and shall continue to apply to any permit which
48 was previously included under and subject to such provisions
49 before a conversion pursuant to this section occurred.

50 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.