

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Indian gaming activities; designating
3 the Governor as the official to negotiate tribal-state
4 compacts; providing for ratification of tribal-state
5 compacts by the Legislature; providing for submission of
6 the tribal-state compact to the Legislature and Secretary
7 of State; providing for submission of the tribal-state
8 compact to the Secretary of the Interior; 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. (1) The Governor is the designated state
14 officer responsible for negotiating and executing, on behalf of
15 the state, tribal-state gaming compacts with federally
16 recognized Indian tribes located within the State of Florida
17 pursuant to the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, 18
18 U.S.C. ss. 1166-1168, and 25 U.S.C. ss. 2701 et seq., for the
19 purpose of authorizing class III gaming, as defined in that act,
20 on Indian lands within this state.

21 (2) Any tribal-state compact relating to gaming activities
22 which is entered into by an Indian tribe in this state and the
23 Governor pursuant to subsection (1) must be conditioned upon
24 ratification by the Legislature.

25 (3) Following completion of negotiations, the Governor
26 shall submit a copy of any executed tribal-state compact for
27 ratification by a majority vote by both houses of the
28 Legislature and shall submit a copy of the executed tribal-state

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29 compact to the Secretary of State pending receipt of an act
30 ratifying the tribal-state compact under the provisions of this
31 section.

32 (4) Upon receipt of an act ratifying the tribal-state
33 compact, the Secretary of State shall forward a copy of the
34 executed tribal-state compact and the ratifying act to the
35 United States Secretary of the Interior for his or her review
36 and approval, in accordance with 25 U.S.C. s. 2710(8)(d).

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.