

By Senator Geller

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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 recognized
16 Indian tribes located within the State of Florida pursuant to the
17 federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, 18 U.S.C. ss. 1166-
18 1168, and 25 U.S.C. s. 2701 et seq., for the purpose of
19 authorizing class III gaming, as defined in that act, on Indian
20 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 Legislature
28 and shall submit a copy of the executed tribal-state compact to
29 the Secretary of State pending receipt of an act ratifying the

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30 tribal-state compact under the provisions of this section.

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

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