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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to slot machine licensee fees;
3 amending s. 551.118, F.S.; removing a requirement that
4 the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering in the Department
5 of Business and Professional Regulation contract for
6 certain services related to the prevention of
7 compulsive and addictive gambling; removing an annual
8 nonrefundable regulatory fee used to fund the
9 services; amending s. 550.135, F.S.; conforming cross-
10 references; providing an 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. Section 551.118, Florida Statutes, is amended to
15 read:

16 551.118 Compulsive or addictive gambling prevention
17 program.—

18 ~~(1) The slot machine licensee shall offer training to~~
19 ~~employees on responsible gaming and shall work with a compulsive~~
20 ~~or addictive gambling prevention program to recognize problem~~
21 ~~gaming situations and to implement responsible gaming programs~~
22 ~~and practices.~~

23 ~~(2) The division shall, subject to competitive bidding,~~
24 ~~contract for provision of services related to the prevention of~~
25 ~~compulsive and addictive gambling. The contract shall provide~~
26 ~~for an advertising program to encourage responsible gaming~~
27 ~~practices and to publicize a gambling telephone help line. Such~~
28 ~~advertisements must be made both publicly and inside the~~
29 ~~designated slot machine gaming areas of the licensee's~~

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30 ~~facilities. The terms of any contract for the provision of such~~
31 ~~services shall include accountability standards that must be met~~
32 ~~by any private provider. The failure of any private provider to~~
33 ~~meet any material terms of the contract, including the~~
34 ~~accountability standards, shall constitute a breach of contract~~
35 ~~or grounds for nonrenewal. The division may consult with the~~
36 ~~Department of the Lottery in the development of the program and~~
37 ~~the development and analysis of any procurement for contractual~~
38 ~~services for the compulsive or addictive gambling prevention~~
39 ~~program.~~

40 ~~(3) The compulsive or addictive gambling prevention program~~
41 ~~shall be funded from an annual nonrefundable regulatory fee of~~
42 ~~\$250,000 paid by the licensee to the division.~~

43 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 550.135, Florida
44 Statutes, is amended to read:

45 550.135 Division of moneys derived under this law.—All
46 moneys that are deposited with the Chief Financial Officer to
47 the credit of the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund shall be
48 distributed as follows:

49 (3) The slot machine license fee and~~7~~ the slot machine
50 occupational license fee~~, and the compulsive or addictive~~
51 ~~gambling prevention program fee~~ collected pursuant to ss.
52 551.106 and~~7~~ 551.107(2) (a)1.~~7~~ ~~and 551.118~~ shall be used to fund
53 the direct and indirect operating expenses of the division's
54 slot machine regulation operations and to provide funding for
55 relevant enforcement activities in accordance with authorized
56 appropriations. Funds deposited into the Pari-mutuel Wagering
57 Trust Fund pursuant to ss. 551.106 and~~7~~ 551.107(2) (a)1.~~7~~ ~~and~~
58 ~~551.118~~ shall be reserved in the trust fund for slot machine

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59 regulation operations. On June 30, any unappropriated funds in
60 excess of those necessary for incurred obligations and
61 subsequent year cash flow for slot machine regulation operations
62 shall be deposited with the Chief Financial Officer to the
63 credit of the General Revenue Fund.

64 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.