

By Senator Smith

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to live racing of animals; providing
3 that a referendum or ordinance that requires certain
4 businesses to conduct live racing as a prerequisite
5 for conducting any other commercial enterprise is
6 enforceable; providing a definition; providing an
7 effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Any existing mandate that was approved by the
12 voters of any entity as defined in s. 165.031, Florida Statutes,
13 to conduct live racing of domestic animals as a prerequisite for
14 any other commercial enterprise of such business may be
15 enforced. Any existing mandate that was approved by referendum
16 of the voters shall be deemed to be public policy. For the
17 purpose of this section, the term "domestic animal" shall mean
18 any dog, cat, rabbit, or other domesticated animal weighing less
19 than 150 pounds and commonly used as a pet. Any change to any
20 provisions of an entity operating under chapter 550, Florida
21 Statutes, which was approved by a super majority vote of the
22 governing body shall void all permits issued under chapter 550,
23 Florida Statutes, which were approved by referendum of the
24 voters, as defined in s. 165.031, Florida Statutes.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.