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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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04/09/2014	.	
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The Committee on Gaming (Latvala) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
550.2415, Florida Statutes, is amended, paragraph (f) is added
to subsection (6) of that section, and subsections (7) through
(16) of that section, are amended, to read:

550.2415 Racing of animals under certain conditions
prohibited; penalties; exceptions.—

(3) (a) Upon the finding of a violation of this section, the



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12 division may revoke or suspend the license or permit of the
13 violator or deny a license or permit to the violator; impose a
14 fine against the violator in an amount not exceeding the earned
15 value of the purse or sweepstakes of the race at issue \$5,000;
16 require the full or partial return of the purse, sweepstakes,
17 and trophy of the race at issue; or impose against the violator
18 any combination of such penalties. The finding of a violation of
19 this section in no way prohibits a prosecution for criminal acts
20 committed.

21 (6)

22 (f)1. The division shall maintain records regarding
23 injuries incurred by racing greyhounds while they are racing in
24 this state, including injuries incurred in schooling races. The
25 records must include:

26 a. The greyhound's registered name, right and left ear
27 tattoo numbers, and, if any, the microchip manufacturer and
28 number.

29 b. The name, business address, and telephone number of the
30 greyhound owner and trainer and the kennel operator.

31 c. The color, weight, and sex of the greyhound.

32 d. The location where the injury took place, whether on a
33 racetrack or in another area.

34 e. If the injury occurred while the greyhound was racing,
35 the racetrack where the injury occurred and the distance, grade,
36 race, and post position of the greyhound when the injury
37 occurred.

38 f. The weather conditions, time, and track condition when
39 the injury occurred.

40 g. The specific type and bodily location of injury, the



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41 cause of the injury, and the estimated recovery time from the
42 injury.

43 2. All injury forms shall be completed and signed under
44 oath or affirmation under penalty of perjury by the racetrack
45 veterinarian, whose signature must be witnessed by a designated
46 representative of the division.

47 3. Injury records created and maintained under this
48 paragraph shall be maintained by the division for a period of 7
49 years and shall be made readily available to the public upon
50 oral or written request to the division.

51 4. Knowingly making a false statement on an injury form
52 shall result in a fine not to exceed \$1,500. A second or
53 subsequent violation of this paragraph shall result in a fine of
54 at least \$3,000.

55 ~~(7) Under no circumstances may any Medication~~ may not be
56 administered closer than 24 hours before ~~prior to~~ the officially
57 scheduled post time of a race except as provided for in this
58 section.

59 (a) Furosemide is the only medication that may be
60 administered within 24 hours before the officially scheduled
61 post time. However, furosemide may not be administered within 4
62 hours before the officially scheduled race time. The division
63 shall adopt rules setting conditions for the use of furosemide
64 to treat exercise-induced pulmonary hemorrhage.

65 ~~(b) The division shall adopt rules setting conditions for~~
66 ~~the use of prednisolone sodium succinate, but under no~~
67 ~~circumstances may furosemide or prednisolone sodium succinate be~~
68 ~~administered closer than 4 hours prior to the officially~~
69 ~~scheduled post time for the race.~~



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70 ~~(e) Before January 1, 2015, the division shall adopt rules~~
71 ~~that establish the definitions of prohibited substances and the~~
72 ~~setting conditions for the use of controlled therapeutic~~
73 ~~medications. Controlled therapeutic medications may include only~~
74 ~~the specific medications and concentrations allowed in~~
75 ~~biological samples that have been approved by the Association of~~
76 ~~Racing Commissioners International, Inc., as controlled~~
77 ~~therapeutic medications phenylbutazone and synthetic~~
78 ~~corticosteroids; in no case, except as provided in paragraph~~
79 ~~(b), shall these substances be given closer than 24 hours prior~~
80 ~~to the officially scheduled post time of a race. Oral~~
81 ~~corticosteroids are prohibited except when prescribed by a~~
82 ~~licensed veterinarian and reported to the division on forms~~
83 ~~prescribed by the division.~~

84 ~~(c)-(d) Nothing in This section does not shall be~~
85 ~~interpreted to prohibit the use of vitamins, minerals, or~~
86 ~~naturally occurring substances if they do not exceed so long as~~
87 ~~none exceeds the normal physiological concentration in a race-~~
88 ~~day specimen.~~

89 ~~(e) The division may, by rule, establish acceptable levels~~
90 ~~of permitted medications and shall select the appropriate~~
91 ~~biological specimens by which the administration of permitted~~
92 ~~medication is monitored.~~

93 ~~(8) (a) Under no circumstances may any medication be~~
94 ~~administered within 24 hours before the officially scheduled~~
95 ~~post time of the race except as provided in this section.~~

96 ~~(b) As an exception to this section, if the division first~~
97 ~~determines that the use of furosemide, phenylbutazone, or~~
98 ~~prednisolone sodium succinate in horses is in the best interest~~



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99 ~~of racing, the division may adopt rules allowing such use. Any~~
100 ~~rules allowing the use of furosemide, phenylbutazone, or~~
101 ~~prednisolone sodium succinate in racing must set the conditions~~
102 ~~for such use. Under no circumstances may a rule be adopted which~~
103 ~~allows the administration of furosemide or prednisolone sodium~~
104 ~~succinate within 4 hours before the officially scheduled post~~
105 ~~time for the race. Under no circumstances may a rule be adopted~~
106 ~~which allows the administration of phenylbutazone or any other~~
107 ~~synthetic corticosteroid within 24 hours before the officially~~
108 ~~scheduled post time for the race. Any administration of~~
109 ~~synthetic corticosteroids is limited to parenteral routes. Oral~~
110 ~~administration of synthetic corticosteroids is expressly~~
111 ~~prohibited. If this paragraph is unconstitutional, it is~~
112 ~~severable from the remainder of this section.~~

113 ~~(c) The division shall, by rule, establish acceptable~~
114 ~~levels of permitted medications and shall select the appropriate~~
115 ~~biological specimen by which the administration of permitted~~
116 ~~medications is monitored.~~

117 ~~(8)-(9)~~ (a) The division may conduct a postmortem examination
118 of any animal that is injured at a permitted racetrack while in
119 training or in competition and that subsequently expires or is
120 destroyed. The division may conduct a postmortem examination of
121 any animal that expires while housed at a permitted racetrack,
122 association compound, or licensed kennel or farm. Trainers and
123 owners must ~~shall be requested to~~ comply with this paragraph as
124 a condition of licensure.

125 (b) The division may take possession of the animal upon
126 death for postmortem examination. The division may submit blood,
127 urine, other bodily fluid specimens, or other tissue specimens



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128 collected during a postmortem examination for testing by the
129 division laboratory or its designee. Upon completion of the
130 postmortem examination, the carcass must be returned to the
131 owner or disposed of at the owner's option.

132 ~~(9)-(10)~~ The presence of a prohibited substance in an
133 animal, found by the division laboratory in a bodily fluid
134 specimen collected after the race or during the postmortem
135 examination of the animal, ~~which breaks down during a race~~
136 constitutes a violation of this section.

137 ~~(10)-(11)~~ The cost of postmortem examinations, testing, and
138 disposal must be borne by the division.

139 ~~(11)-(12)~~ The division shall adopt rules, laboratory
140 standards, and penalties to implement this section. ~~The rules~~
141 ~~may include a classification system for prohibited substances~~
142 ~~and a corresponding penalty schedule for violations.~~

143 ~~(12)-(13)~~ ~~Except as specifically modified by statute or by~~
144 ~~rules of the division,~~ The most recent Uniform Classification
145 Guidelines for Foreign Substances, ~~revised February 14, 1995,~~ as
146 promulgated by the Association of Racing Commissioners
147 International, Inc., is hereby adopted by reference as the
148 uniform classification system ~~for class IV and V medications.~~

149 ~~(14)~~ ~~The division shall utilize only the thin layer~~
150 ~~chromatography (TLC) screening process to test for the presence~~
151 ~~of class IV and V medications in samples taken from racehorses~~
152 ~~except when thresholds of a class IV or class V medication have~~
153 ~~been established and are enforced by rule. Once a sample has~~
154 ~~been identified as suspicious for a class IV or class V~~
155 ~~medication by the TLC screening process, the sample will be sent~~
156 ~~for confirmation by and through additional testing methods. All~~



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157 ~~other medications not classified by rule as a class IV or class~~
158 ~~V agent shall be subject to all forms of testing available to~~
159 ~~the division.~~

160 ~~(15) The division may implement by rule medication levels~~
161 ~~recommended by the University of Florida College of Veterinary~~
162 ~~Medicine developed pursuant to an agreement between the Division~~
163 ~~of Pari-mutuel Wagering and the University of Florida College of~~
164 ~~Veterinary Medicine. The University of Florida College of~~
165 ~~Veterinary Medicine may provide written notification to the~~
166 ~~division that it has completed research or review on a~~
167 ~~particular drug pursuant to the agreement and when the College~~
168 ~~of Veterinary Medicine has completed a final report of its~~
169 ~~findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the division.~~

170 ~~(13)-(16)~~ The testing medium for phenylbutazone in horses
171 shall be serum, and the division may collect up to six full 15-
172 milliliter blood tubes for each horse being sampled.

173 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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175 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

176 And the title is amended as follows:

177 Delete everything before the enacting clause
178 and insert:

179 A bill to be entitled
180 An act relating to greyhound racing injuries; amending
181 s. 550.2415, F.S.; revising the penalties for
182 violating laws relating to the racing of animals;
183 requiring the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering within
184 the Department of Business and Professional Regulation
185 to maintain records of greyhounds injured while



186 racing; providing for the content of such records;
187 providing fines for making false statements on an
188 injury form; revising the rulemaking authority of the
189 division; revising the authorized use of certain
190 medications and testing methods; providing an
191 effective date.