

By Senator Rader

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to greyhound racing; amending s.  
3       550.2415, F.S.; providing that a positive test result  
4       for anabolic steroids in certain samples from a  
5       greyhound violates the prohibition on the racing of  
6       animals that are impermissibly medicated or determined  
7       to have a prohibited substance present; providing  
8       exceptions; requiring greyhound tracks to be  
9       maintained in a manner consistent with providing for  
10      the safety of racing greyhounds; providing that tracks  
11      must meet certain safety requirements; requiring the  
12      Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering to adopt rules to  
13      provide standards for food served to racing greyhounds  
14      at kennels and greyhound tracks; providing that the  
15      division has exclusive authority to regulate the  
16      welfare of racing greyhounds in this state; preempting  
17      the regulation of the welfare of racing greyhounds to  
18      the state; providing that the preemption supersedes  
19      any municipal or county ordinance on the subject;  
20      providing an effective date.

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

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24       Section 1. Subsections (12), (13), and (14) of section  
25       550.2415, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections  
26       (15), (16), and (17), respectively, paragraph (a) of subsection  
27       (1) of that section is amended, and new subsections (12), (13),  
28       and (14) are added to that section, to read:

29       550.2415 Racing of animals under certain conditions

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30 prohibited; penalties; exceptions.—

31 (1) (a) The racing of an animal that has been impermissibly  
32 medicated or determined to have a prohibited substance present  
33 is prohibited. It is a violation of this section for a person to  
34 impermissibly medicate an animal or for an animal to have a  
35 prohibited substance present resulting in a positive test for  
36 such medications or substances based on samples taken from the  
37 animal before or immediately after the racing of that animal. It  
38 is a violation of this section for a greyhound to have anabolic  
39 steroids present resulting in a positive test for such steroids  
40 based on samples taken from the greyhound immediately after the  
41 racing of that greyhound, unless such steroids are used for  
42 birth control for the greyhound or the steroids are otherwise  
43 prescribed by a veterinarian licensed in this state who used the  
44 steroids to treat an injury or an illness, and the veterinarian  
45 is not employed by a greyhound permitholder. Test results and  
46 the identities of the animals being tested and of their trainers  
47 and owners of record are confidential and exempt from s.  
48 119.07(1) and from s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution  
49 for 10 days after testing of all samples collected on a  
50 particular day has been completed and any positive test results  
51 derived from such samples have been reported to the director of  
52 the division or administrative action has been commenced.

53 (12) All greyhound tracks must be maintained in a manner  
54 consistent with providing for the safety of racing greyhounds,  
55 including, but not limited to:

56 (a) Maintaining a safe track surface at all times pursuant  
57 to safety standards adopted by the division.

58 (b) Installing a safety device to remove the lure from the

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59 racing surface.

60 (c) Insulating all exposed electrical wires on the track  
61 and anywhere at the facility where racing greyhounds may come  
62 into contact with electrical wires.

63 (13) The division shall adopt rules providing standards for  
64 food served to racing greyhounds at greyhound tracks and kennels  
65 which ensure that the health, welfare, and fitness of the racing  
66 greyhounds are maintained.

67 (14) The division has exclusive authority to regulate the  
68 welfare of racing greyhounds in this state. This subsection  
69 expressly preempts such regulation of the welfare of racing  
70 greyhounds to the state and supersedes any municipal or county  
71 ordinance on the subject.

72 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2018.