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The Committee on Appropriations (Hutson) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Present subsections (24) through (28) of section 550.002, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (25) through (29), respectively, a new subsection (24) is added to that section, and subsections (11), (17), (20), (21), (22), (23), and (31) and present subsections (26) and (29) of that section are amended, to read:



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11           550.002 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:  
12           (11) “Full schedule of live racing or games” means, for a  
13 ~~greyhound~~ or jai alai permitholder, the conduct of a combination  
14 of at least 100 live evening or matinee performances during the  
15 preceding year; for a permitholder who has a converted permit or  
16 filed an application on or before June 1, 1990, for a converted  
17 permit, the conduct of a combination of at least 100 live  
18 evening and matinee wagering performances during either of the 2  
19 preceding years; for a jai alai permitholder who does not  
20 operate slot machines in its pari-mutuel facility, who has  
21 conducted at least 100 live performances per year for at least  
22 10 years after December 31, 1992, and whose handle on live jai  
23 alai games conducted at its pari-mutuel facility has been less  
24 than \$4 million per state fiscal year for at least 2 consecutive  
25 years after June 30, 1992, the conduct of a combination of at  
26 least 40 live evening or matinee performances during the  
27 preceding year; for a jai alai permitholder who operates slot  
28 machines in its pari-mutuel facility, the conduct of a  
29 combination of at least 150 performances during the preceding  
30 year; for a harness permitholder, the conduct of at least 100  
31 live regular wagering performances during the preceding year;  
32 for a quarter horse permitholder at its facility unless an  
33 alternative schedule of at least 20 live regular wagering  
34 performances is agreed upon by the permitholder and either the  
35 Florida Quarter Horse Racing Association or the horsemen’s  
36 association representing the majority of the quarter horse  
37 owners and trainers at the facility and filed with the division  
38 along with its annual date application, in the 2010-2011 fiscal  
39 year, the conduct of at least 20 regular wagering performances,



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40 in the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 fiscal years, the conduct of at  
41 least 30 live regular wagering performances, and for every  
42 fiscal year after the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the conduct of at  
43 least 40 live regular wagering performances; for a quarter horse  
44 permitholder leasing another licensed racetrack, the conduct of  
45 160 events at the leased facility; and for a thoroughbred  
46 permitholder, the conduct of at least 40 live regular wagering  
47 performances during the preceding year. For a permitholder which  
48 is restricted by statute to certain operating periods within the  
49 year when other members of its same class of permit are  
50 authorized to operate throughout the year, the specified number  
51 of live performances which constitute a full schedule of live  
52 racing or games shall be adjusted pro rata in accordance with  
53 the relationship between its authorized operating period and the  
54 full calendar year and the resulting specified number of live  
55 performances shall constitute the full schedule of live games  
56 for such permitholder and all other permitholders of the same  
57 class within 100 air miles of such permitholder. A live  
58 performance must consist of no fewer than eight races or games  
59 conducted live for each of a minimum of three performances each  
60 week at the permitholder's licensed facility under a single  
61 admission charge.

62 (17) "Intertrack wager" or "intertrack wagering" means a  
63 particular form of pari-mutuel wagering in which wagers are  
64 accepted at a permitted, in-state track, fronton, or pari-mutuel  
65 facility on a race or game transmitted from and performed live  
66 at, or simulcast signal rebroadcast from, another in-state pari-  
67 mutuel facility.

68 (20) "Meet" or "meeting" means the conduct of live racing



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69 or jai alai, or wagering on intertrack or simulcast events, for  
70 any stake, purse, prize, or premium.

71 (21) "Operating day" means a continuous period of 24 hours  
72 starting with the beginning of the first performance of a race  
73 or game, even though the operating day may start during one  
74 calendar day and extend past midnight except that no ~~greyhound~~  
75 ~~race or jai alai game~~ may commence after 1:30 a.m.

76 (22) "Pari-mutuel" or "pari-mutuel wagering" means a system  
77 of betting on races or games in which the winners divide the  
78 total amount bet, after deducting management expenses and taxes,  
79 in proportion to the sums they have wagered individually and  
80 with regard to the odds assigned to particular outcomes.

81 (23) "Pari-mutuel facility" means the grounds or property  
82 of a cardroom, racetrack, fronton, or other facility used by a  
83 licensed permitholder for the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering.

84 (24) "Permitholder" or "permittee" means a holder of a  
85 permit to conduct pari-mutuel wagering in this state as  
86 authorized in this chapter.

87 (27)~~(26)~~ "Post time" means the time set for the arrival at  
88 the starting point of the horses ~~or greyhounds~~ in a race or the  
89 beginning of a game in jai alai.

90 ~~(29) "Racing greyhound" means a greyhound that is or was~~  
91 ~~used, or is being bred, raised, or trained to be used, in racing~~  
92 ~~at a pari-mutuel facility and is registered with the National~~  
93 ~~Greyhound Association.~~

94 (31) "Same class of races, games, or permit" means, with  
95 respect to a jai alai permitholder, jai alai games or other jai  
96 alai permitholders; with respect to a greyhound permitholder,  
97 ~~greyhound races or other greyhound permitholders~~ conducting



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98 pari-mutuel wagering; with respect to a thoroughbred  
99 permitholder, thoroughbred races or other thoroughbred  
100 permitholders; with respect to a harness permitholder, harness  
101 races or other harness permitholders; with respect to a quarter  
102 horse permitholder, quarter horse races or other quarter horse  
103 permitholders.

104 Section 2. Section 550.0115, Florida Statutes, is amended  
105 to read:

106 550.0115 Permitholder operating license.—After a permit has  
107 been issued by the division, and after the permit has been  
108 approved by election, the division shall issue to the  
109 permitholder an annual operating license to conduct pari-mutuel  
110 wagering operations at the location specified in the permit  
111 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

112 Section 3. Section 550.01215, Florida Statutes, is amended  
113 to read:

114 550.01215 License application; periods of operation;  
115 license fees; bond, ~~conversion of permit~~.—

116 (1) Each permitholder shall annually, during the period  
117 between December 15 and January 4, file in writing with the  
118 division its application for an operating a license for a pari-  
119 mutuel facility for the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering during  
120 the next state fiscal year, including intertrack and simulcast  
121 race wagering to conduct performances during the next state  
122 fiscal year. Each application for live performances must shall  
123 specify the number, dates, and starting times of all live  
124 performances that which the permitholder intends to conduct. It  
125 must shall also specify which performances will be conducted as  
126 charity or scholarship performances.



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127        (a) ~~In addition,~~ Each application for an operating a  
128 license also must ~~shall~~ include:

129        1. For each permitholder, whether the permitholder intends  
130 to accept wagers on intertrack or simulcast events.

131        2. For each permitholder that ~~which~~ elects to operate a  
132 cardroom, the dates and periods of operation the permitholder  
133 intends to operate the cardroom. ~~or,~~

134        3. For each thoroughbred racing permitholder that ~~which~~  
135 elects to receive or rebroadcast out-of-state races after 7  
136 p.m., the dates for all performances ~~that~~ ~~which~~ the permitholder  
137 intends to conduct.

138        (b)1. A greyhound permitholder may not conduct live racing.  
139 A jai alai permitholder, harness horse racing permitholder, or  
140 quarter horse racing permitholder may elect not to conduct live  
141 racing or games. Except as provided in s. 550.5251(1)(b), a  
142 thoroughbred permitholder must conduct live racing. A greyhound  
143 permitholder, jai alai permitholder, harness horse racing  
144 permitholder, or quarter horse racing permitholder that does not  
145 conduct live racing or games retains its permit; is a pari-  
146 mutuel facility as defined in s. 550.002(23); if such  
147 permitholder has been issued a slot machine license, the  
148 facility where such permit is located remains an eligible  
149 facility as defined in s. 551.102(4), continues to be eligible  
150 for a slot machine license pursuant to s. 551.104(3), and is  
151 exempt from ss. 551.104(4)(c) and (10) and 551.114(2) and (4);  
152 is eligible, but not required, to be a guest track and, if the  
153 permitholder is a harness horse racing permitholder, to be a  
154 host track for purposes of intertrack wagering and simulcasting  
155 pursuant to ss. 550.3551, 550.615, 550.625, and 550.6305; and



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156 remains eligible for a cardroom license.

157 2. A permitholder or licensee may not conduct live  
158 greyhound racing or dogracing in connection with any wager for  
159 money or any other thing of value in the state. The division may  
160 deny, suspend, or revoke any permit or license under this  
161 chapter if a permitholder or licensee conducts live greyhound  
162 racing or dogracing in violation of this subparagraph. In  
163 addition to, or in lieu of, denial, suspension, or revocation,  
164 the division may impose a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 against  
165 the permitholder or licensee for a violation of this  
166 subparagraph. All penalties imposed and collected must be  
167 deposited with the Chief Financial Officer to the credit of the  
168 General Revenue Fund.

169 (c) Permitholders may ~~shall be entitled to~~ amend their  
170 applications through February 28.

171 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, other than  
172 a permitholder issued a permit pursuant to s. 550.3345, a pari-  
173 mutuel permitholder may not be issued an operating license for  
174 the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering, slot machine gaming, or the  
175 operation of a cardroom if the permitholder did not hold an  
176 operating license on January 1, 2021.

177 (2) After the first license has been issued to a  
178 permitholder, all subsequent annual applications for a license  
179 shall be accompanied by proof, in such form as the division may  
180 by rule require, that the permitholder continues to possess the  
181 qualifications prescribed by this chapter, and that the permit  
182 has not been disapproved at a later election.

183 (3) The division shall issue each license no later than  
184 March 15. Each permitholder shall operate all performances at



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185 the date and time specified on its license. The division shall  
186 have the authority to approve minor changes in racing dates  
187 after a license has been issued. The division may approve  
188 changes in racing dates after a license has been issued when  
189 there is no objection from any operating permitholder located  
190 within 50 miles of the permitholder requesting the changes in  
191 operating dates. In the event of an objection, the division  
192 shall approve or disapprove the change in operating dates based  
193 upon the impact on operating permitholders located within 50  
194 miles of the permitholder requesting the change in operating  
195 dates. In making the determination to change racing dates, the  
196 division shall take into consideration the impact of such  
197 changes on state revenues. Notwithstanding any other provision  
198 of law, and for the 2021-2022 state fiscal year only, the  
199 division may approve changes in operating dates for a jai alai  
200 permitholder, harness horse racing permitholder, or quarter  
201 horse racing permitholder if the request for such changes is  
202 received before July 1, 2021.

203 (4) In the event that a permitholder fails to operate all  
204 performances specified on its license at the date and time  
205 specified, the division shall hold a hearing to determine  
206 whether to fine or suspend the permitholder's license, unless  
207 such failure was the direct result of fire, strike, war, or  
208 other disaster or event beyond the ability of the permitholder  
209 to control. Financial hardship to the permitholder shall not, in  
210 and of itself, constitute just cause for failure to operate all  
211 performances on the dates and at the times specified.

212 (5) In the event that performances licensed to be operated  
213 by a permitholder are vacated, abandoned, or will not be used





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214 for any reason, any permitholder shall be entitled, pursuant to  
215 rules adopted by the division, to apply to conduct performances  
216 on the dates for which the performances have been abandoned. The  
217 division shall issue an amended license for all such replacement  
218 performances which have been requested in compliance with ~~the~~  
219 ~~provisions of this chapter and division rules.~~

220 ~~(6) Any permit which was converted from a jai alai permit~~  
221 ~~to a greyhound permit may be converted to a jai alai permit at~~  
222 ~~any time if the permitholder never conducted greyhound racing or~~  
223 ~~if the permitholder has not conducted greyhound racing for a~~  
224 ~~period of 12 consecutive months.~~

225 Section 4. Section 550.0235, Florida Statutes, is amended  
226 to read:

227 550.0235 Limitation of civil liability.—No permitholder  
228 licensed to conduct pari-mutuel wagering ~~permittee conducting a~~  
229 ~~racing meet~~ pursuant to the provisions of this chapter; no  
230 division director or employee of the division; and no steward,  
231 judge, or other person appointed to act pursuant to this chapter  
232 shall be held liable to any person, partnership, association,  
233 corporation, or other business entity for any cause whatsoever  
234 arising out of, or from, the performance by such permittee,  
235 director, employee, steward, judge, or other person of her or  
236 his duties and the exercise of her or his discretion with  
237 respect to the implementation and enforcement of the statutes  
238 and rules governing the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering, so long  
239 as she or he acted in good faith. This section shall not limit  
240 liability in any situation in which the negligent maintenance of  
241 the premises or the negligent conduct of a race contributed to  
242 an accident; nor shall it limit any contractual liability.



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243 Section 5. Subsections (1) and (7) of section 550.0351,  
244 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

245 550.0351 Charity racing days.—

246 (1) The division shall, upon the request of a permitholder,  
247 authorize each horseracing permitholder, ~~dogracing permitholder,~~  
248 and jai alai permitholder up to five charity or scholarship days  
249 in addition to the regular racing days authorized by law.

250 ~~(7) In addition to the charity days authorized by this~~  
251 ~~section, any dogracing permitholder may allow its facility to be~~  
252 ~~used for conducting "hound dog derbies" or "mutt derbies" on any~~  
253 ~~day during each racing season by any charitable, civic, or~~  
254 ~~nonprofit organization for the purpose of conducting "hound dog~~  
255 ~~derbies" or "mutt derbies" if only dogs other than those usually~~  
256 ~~used in dogracing (greyhounds) are permitted to race and if~~  
257 ~~adults and minors are allowed to participate as dog owners or~~  
258 ~~spectators. During these racing events, betting, gambling, and~~  
259 ~~the sale or use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.~~

260 Section 6. Subsection (4) of section 550.0425, Florida  
261 Statutes, is amended to read:

262 550.0425 Minors attendance at pari-mutuel performances;  
263 restrictions.—

264 ~~(4) Minor children of licensed greyhound trainers, kennel~~  
265 ~~operators, or other licensed persons employed in the kennel~~  
266 ~~compound areas may be granted access to kennel compound areas~~  
267 ~~without being licensed, provided they are in no way employed~~  
268 ~~unless properly licensed, and only when under the direct~~  
269 ~~supervision of one of their parents or legal guardian.~~

270 Section 7. Subsections (2) and (14) of section 550.054,  
271 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:



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272           550.054 Application for permit to conduct pari-mutuel  
273 wagering.—

274           (2) Upon each application filed and approved, a permit  
275 shall be issued to the applicant setting forth the name of the  
276 permitholder, the location of the pari-mutuel facility, the type  
277 of pari-mutuel activity desired to be conducted, and a statement  
278 showing qualifications of the applicant to conduct pari-mutuel  
279 performances under this chapter; however, a permit is  
280 ineffectual to authorize any pari-mutuel performances until  
281 approved by a majority of the electors participating in a  
282 ratification election in the county in which the applicant  
283 proposes to conduct pari-mutuel wagering activities. In  
284 addition, an application may not be considered, nor may a permit  
285 be issued by the division or be voted upon in any county, to  
286 conduct horseraces, harness horse races, or pari-mutuel wagering  
287 ~~degraces~~ at a location within 100 miles of an existing pari-  
288 mutuel facility, or for jai alai within 50 miles of an existing  
289 pari-mutuel facility; this distance shall be measured on a  
290 straight line from the nearest property line of one pari-mutuel  
291 facility to the nearest property line of the other facility.

292           (14) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a  
293 permit for the operation of a pari-mutuel facility, cardroom, or  
294 slot machine facility may only be held by facilities with  
295 permits on January 1, 2021.

296           (b) ~~Any holder of a permit to conduct jai alai may apply to~~  
297 ~~the division to convert such permit to a permit to conduct~~  
298 ~~greyhound racing in lieu of jai alai if:~~

299           1. ~~Such permit is located in a county in which the division~~  
300 ~~has issued only two pari-mutuel permits pursuant to this~~



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301 ~~section;~~

302 ~~2. Such permit was not previously converted from any other~~  
303 ~~class of permit; and~~

304 ~~3. The holder of the permit has not conducted jai alai~~  
305 ~~games during a period of 10 years immediately preceding his or~~  
306 ~~her application for conversion under this subsection.~~

307 ~~(b) The division, upon application from the holder of a jai~~  
308 ~~alai permit meeting all conditions of this section, shall~~  
309 ~~convert the permit and shall issue to the permitholder a permit~~  
310 ~~to conduct greyhound racing. A permitholder of a permit~~  
311 ~~converted under this section shall be required to apply for and~~  
312 ~~conduct a full schedule of live racing each fiscal year to be~~  
313 ~~eligible for any tax credit provided by this chapter. The holder~~  
314 ~~of a permit converted under former subsection (14) of this~~  
315 ~~section, Florida Statutes 2020, pursuant to this subsection or~~  
316 ~~any holder of a permit to conduct greyhound racing located in a~~  
317 ~~county in which it is the only permit issued pursuant to this~~  
318 ~~section who operates at a leased facility pursuant to s. 550.475~~  
319 ~~may move the location for which the permit has been issued to~~  
320 ~~another location within a 30-mile radius of the location fixed~~  
321 ~~in the permit issued in that county, provided the move does not~~  
322 ~~cross the county boundary and such location is approved under~~  
323 ~~the zoning regulations of the county or municipality in which~~  
324 ~~the permit is located, and upon such relocation may use the~~  
325 ~~permit for the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering and the operation~~  
326 ~~of a cardroom. The provisions of s. 550.6305(9)(d) and (f) shall~~  
327 ~~apply to any permit converted under former subsection (14) of~~  
328 ~~this section, Florida Statutes 2020, this subsection and shall~~  
329 ~~continue to apply to any permit which was previously included~~



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330 under and subject to such provisions before a conversion  
331 pursuant to this section occurred.

332 Section 8. Subsection (4) of section 550.09511, Florida  
333 Statutes, is amended to read:

334 550.09511 Jai alai taxes; abandoned interest in a permit  
335 for nonpayment of taxes.—

336 ~~(4) A jai alai permitholder conducting fewer than 100 live~~  
337 ~~performances in any calendar year shall pay to the state the~~  
338 ~~same aggregate amount of daily license fees on live jai alai~~  
339 ~~games, admissions tax, and tax on live handle as that~~  
340 ~~permitholder paid to the state during the most recent prior~~  
341 ~~calendar year in which the jai alai permitholder conducted at~~  
342 ~~least 100 live performances.~~

343 Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
344 550.09512, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

345 550.09512 Harness horse taxes; abandoned interest in a  
346 permit for nonpayment of taxes.—

347 (3) (a) The permit of a harness horse permitholder who is  
348 conducting live harness horse performances and who does not pay  
349 tax on handle for any such live harness horse performances  
350 conducted for a full schedule of live races during any 2  
351 consecutive state fiscal years shall be void and may not be  
352 reissued shall escheat to and become the property of the state  
353 unless such failure to operate and pay tax on handle was the  
354 direct result of fire, strike, war, pandemic, or other disaster  
355 or event beyond the ability of the permitholder to control.  
356 Financial hardship to the permitholder shall not, in and of  
357 itself, constitute just cause for failure to operate and pay tax  
358 on handle.



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359 Section 10. Subsections (2) and (9) of section 550.105,  
360 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

361 550.105 Occupational licenses of racetrack employees; fees;  
362 denial, suspension, and revocation of license; penalties and  
363 fines.—

364 (2) (a) The following licenses shall be issued to persons or  
365 entities with access to the backside, racing animals, jai alai  
366 players' room, jockeys' room, drivers' room, totalisator room,  
367 the mutuels, or money room, or to persons who, by virtue of the  
368 position they hold, might be granted access to these areas or to  
369 any other person or entity in one of the following categories  
370 and with fees not to exceed the following amounts for any 12-  
371 month period:

372 1. Business licenses: any business such as a vendor,  
373 contractual concessionaire, ~~contract kennel~~, business owning  
374 racing animals, trust or estate, totalisator company, stable  
375 name, or other fictitious name: \$50.

376 2. Professional occupational licenses: professional persons  
377 with access to the backside of a racetrack or players' quarters  
378 in jai alai such as trainers, officials, veterinarians, doctors,  
379 nurses, EMT's, jockeys and apprentices, drivers, jai alai  
380 players, owners, trustees, or any management or officer or  
381 director or shareholder or any other professional-level person  
382 who might have access to the jockeys' room, the drivers' room,  
383 the backside, racing animals, ~~kennel compound~~, or managers or  
384 supervisors requiring access to mutuels machines, the money  
385 room, or totalisator equipment: \$40.

386 3. General occupational licenses: general employees with  
387 access to the jockeys' room, the drivers' room, racing animals,



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388 the backside of a racetrack or players' quarters in jai alai,  
389 such as grooms, ~~kennel helpers~~, leadouts, pelota makers, cesta  
390 makers, or ball boys, or a practitioner of any other occupation  
391 who would have access to the animals or, the backside, ~~or the~~  
392 ~~kennel compound~~, or who would provide the security or  
393 maintenance of these areas, or mutuel employees, totalisator  
394 employees, money-room employees, or any employee with access to  
395 mutuels machines, the money room, or totalisator equipment or  
396 who would provide the security or maintenance of these areas:  
397 \$10.

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399 The individuals and entities that are licensed under this  
400 paragraph require heightened state scrutiny, including the  
401 submission by the individual licensees or persons associated  
402 with the entities described in this chapter of fingerprints for  
403 a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal records check.

404 (b) The division shall adopt rules pertaining to pari-  
405 mutuel occupational licenses, licensing periods, and renewal  
406 cycles.

407 (9) The tax imposed by this section is in lieu of all  
408 license, excise, or occupational taxes to the state or any  
409 county, municipality, or other political subdivision, except  
410 that, if a race meeting or game is held or conducted in a  
411 municipality, the municipality may assess and collect an  
412 additional tax against any person conducting live racing or  
413 games within its corporate limits, which tax may not exceed \$150  
414 per day for horseracing or \$50 per day for ~~dogracing~~ or jai  
415 alai. Except as provided in this chapter, a municipality may not  
416 assess or collect any additional excise or revenue tax against



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417 any person conducting race meetings within the corporate limits  
418 of the municipality or against any patron of any such person.

419 Section 11. Section 550.1155, Florida Statutes, is amended  
420 to read:

421 550.1155 Authority of stewards, judges, panel of judges, or  
422 player's manager to impose penalties against occupational  
423 licensees; disposition of funds collected.-

424 (1) The stewards at a horse racetrack; ~~the judges at a dog~~  
425 ~~track;~~ or the judges, a panel of judges, or a player's manager  
426 at a jai alai fronton may impose a civil penalty against any  
427 occupational licensee for violation of the pari-mutuel laws or  
428 any rule adopted by the division. The penalty may not exceed  
429 \$1,000 for each count or separate offense or exceed 60 days of  
430 suspension for each count or separate offense.

431 (2) All penalties imposed and collected pursuant to this  
432 section at each horse ~~or dog~~ racetrack or jai alai fronton shall  
433 be deposited into a board of relief fund established by the  
434 pari-mutuel permitholder. Each association shall name a board of  
435 relief composed of three of its officers, with the general  
436 manager of the permitholder being the ex officio treasurer of  
437 such board. Moneys deposited into the board of relief fund shall  
438 be disbursed by the board for the specific purpose of aiding  
439 occupational licenseholders and their immediate family members  
440 at each pari-mutuel facility.

441 Section 12. Section 550.1647, Florida Statutes, is amended  
442 to read:

443 550.1647 Greyhound permitholders; unclaimed tickets;  
444 breaks.-All money or other property represented by any  
445 unclaimed, uncashed, or abandoned pari-mutuel ticket which has





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446 remained in the custody of or under the control of any greyhound  
447 permitholder authorized to conduct ~~greyhound racing~~ pari-mutuel  
448 wagering pools in this state for a period of 1 year after the  
449 date the pari-mutuel ticket was issued, if the rightful owner or  
450 owners thereof have made no claim or demand for such money or  
451 other property within that period of time, shall, ~~with respect~~  
452 ~~to live races conducted by the permitholder,~~ be remitted to the  
453 state pursuant to s. 550.1645; however, such permitholder shall  
454 be entitled to a credit in each state fiscal year in an amount  
455 equal to the actual amount remitted in the prior state fiscal  
456 year which may be applied against any taxes imposed pursuant to  
457 this chapter. In addition, each permitholder shall pay, from any  
458 source, ~~including the proceeds from performances conducted~~  
459 ~~pursuant to s. 550.0351,~~ an amount not less than 10 percent of  
460 the amount of the credit provided by this section to any bona  
461 fide organization that promotes or encourages the adoption of  
462 greyhounds. As used in this chapter, the term "bona fide  
463 organization that promotes or encourages the adoption of  
464 greyhounds" means any organization that provides evidence of  
465 compliance with chapter 496 and possesses a valid exemption from  
466 federal taxation issued by the Internal Revenue Service. Such  
467 bona fide organization, as a condition of adoption, must provide  
468 sterilization of greyhounds by a licensed veterinarian before  
469 relinquishing custody of the greyhound to the adopter. The fee  
470 for sterilization may be included in the cost of adoption.

471 Section 13. Section 550.1648, Florida Statutes, is  
472 repealed.

473 Section 14. Section 550.175, Florida Statutes, is amended  
474 to read:



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475           550.175 Petition for election to revoke permit.—Upon  
476 petition of 20 percent of the qualified electors of any county  
477 wherein any pari-mutuel wagering racing has been licensed and  
478 conducted under this chapter, the county commissioners of such  
479 county shall provide for the submission to the electors of such  
480 county at the then next succeeding general election the question  
481 of whether any permit or permits theretofore granted shall be  
482 continued or revoked, and if a majority of the electors voting  
483 on such question in such election vote to cancel or recall the  
484 permit theretofore given, the division may not thereafter grant  
485 any license on the permit so recalled. Every signature upon  
486 every recall petition must be signed in the presence of the  
487 clerk of the board of county commissioners at the office of the  
488 clerk of the circuit court of the county, and the petitioner  
489 must present at the time of such signing her or his registration  
490 receipt showing the petitioner's qualification as an elector of  
491 the county at the time of the signing of the petition. Not more  
492 than one permit may be included in any one petition; and, in all  
493 elections in which the recall of more than one permit is voted  
494 on, the voters shall be given an opportunity to vote for or  
495 against the recall of each permit separately. Nothing in this  
496 chapter shall be construed to prevent the holding of later  
497 referendum or recall elections.

498           Section 15. Subsection (1) of section 550.1815, Florida  
499 Statutes, is amended to read:

500           550.1815 Certain persons prohibited from holding racing or  
501 jai alai permits; suspension and revocation.—

502           (1) A corporation, general or limited partnership, sole  
503 proprietorship, business trust, joint venture, or unincorporated



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504 association, or other business entity may not hold any  
505 horseracing or greyhound ~~degrading~~ permit or jai alai fronton  
506 permit in this state if any one of the persons or entities  
507 specified in paragraph (a) has been determined by the division  
508 not to be of good moral character or has been convicted of any  
509 offense specified in paragraph (b).

- 510 (a)1. The permitholder;
- 511 2. An employee of the permitholder;
- 512 3. The sole proprietor of the permitholder;
- 513 4. A corporate officer or director of the permitholder;
- 514 5. A general partner of the permitholder;
- 515 6. A trustee of the permitholder;
- 516 7. A member of an unincorporated association permitholder;
- 517 8. A joint venturer of the permitholder;
- 518 9. The owner of more than 5 percent of any equity interest  
519 in the permitholder, whether as a common shareholder, general or  
520 limited partner, voting trustee, or trust beneficiary; or
- 521 10. An owner of any interest in the permit or permitholder,  
522 including any immediate family member of the owner, or holder of  
523 any debt, mortgage, contract, or concession from the  
524 permitholder, who by virtue thereof is able to control the  
525 business of the permitholder.

- 526 (b)1. A felony in this state;
- 527 2. Any felony in any other state which would be a felony if  
528 committed in this state under the laws of this state;
- 529 3. Any felony under the laws of the United States;
- 530 4. A felony under the laws of another state if related to  
531 gambling which would be a felony under the laws of this state if  
532 committed in this state; or



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533 5. Bookmaking as defined in s. 849.25.

534 Section 16. Subsection (2) of section 550.24055, Florida  
535 Statutes, is amended to read:

536 550.24055 Use of controlled substances or alcohol  
537 prohibited; testing of certain occupational licensees; penalty;  
538 evidence of test or action taken and admissibility for criminal  
539 prosecution limited.-

540 (2) The occupational licensees, by applying for and holding  
541 such licenses, are deemed to have given their consents to submit  
542 to an approved chemical test of their breath for the purpose of  
543 determining the alcoholic content of their blood and to a urine  
544 or blood test for the purpose of detecting the presence of  
545 controlled substances. Such tests shall only be conducted upon  
546 reasonable cause that a violation has occurred as shall be  
547 determined solely by the stewards at a horseracing meeting or  
548 the judges or board of judges at a ~~dog track~~ or jai alai meet.  
549 The failure to submit to such test may result in a suspension of  
550 the person's occupational license for a period of 10 days or  
551 until this section has been complied with, whichever is longer.

552 (a) If there was at the time of the test 0.05 percent or  
553 less by weight of alcohol in the person's blood, the person is  
554 presumed not to have been under the influence of alcoholic  
555 beverages to the extent that the person's normal faculties were  
556 impaired, and no action of any sort may be taken by the  
557 stewards, judges, or board of judges or the division.

558 (b) If there was at the time of the test an excess of 0.05  
559 percent but less than 0.08 percent by weight of alcohol in the  
560 person's blood, that fact does not give rise to any presumption  
561 that the person was or was not under the influence of alcoholic



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562 beverages to the extent that the person's faculties were  
563 impaired, but the stewards, judges, or board of judges may  
564 consider that fact in determining whether or not the person will  
565 be allowed to officiate or participate in any given race or jai  
566 alai game.

567 (c) If there was at the time of the test 0.08 percent or  
568 more by weight of alcohol in the person's blood, that fact is  
569 prima facie evidence that the person was under the influence of  
570 alcoholic beverages to the extent that the person's normal  
571 faculties were impaired, and the stewards or judges may take  
572 action as set forth in this section, but the person may not  
573 officiate at or participate in any race or jai alai game on the  
574 day of such test.

575  
576 All tests relating to alcohol must be performed in a manner  
577 substantially similar, or identical, to the provisions of s.  
578 316.1934 and rules adopted pursuant to that section. Following a  
579 test of the urine or blood to determine the presence of a  
580 controlled substance as defined in chapter 893, if a controlled  
581 substance is found to exist, the stewards, judges, or board of  
582 judges may take such action as is permitted in this section.

583 Section 17. Paragraph (d) of subsection (5), paragraphs (b)  
584 and (c) of subsection (6), paragraph (a) of subsection (9), and  
585 subsection (13) of section 550.2415, Florida Statutes, are  
586 amended to read:

587 550.2415 Racing of animals under certain conditions  
588 prohibited; penalties; exceptions.—

589 (5) The division shall implement a split-sample procedure  
590 for testing animals under this section.



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591           ~~(d) For the testing of a racing greyhound, if there is an~~  
592 ~~insufficient quantity of the secondary (split) sample for~~  
593 ~~confirmation of the division laboratory's positive result, the~~  
594 ~~division may commence administrative proceedings as prescribed~~  
595 ~~in this chapter and consistent with chapter 120.~~

596           (6)

597           ~~(b) The division shall, by rule, establish the procedures~~  
598 ~~for euthanizing greyhounds. However, a greyhound may not be put~~  
599 ~~to death by any means other than by lethal injection of the drug~~  
600 ~~sodium pentobarbital. A greyhound may not be removed from this~~  
601 ~~state for the purpose of being destroyed.~~

602           ~~(c) It is a violation of this chapter for an occupational~~  
603 ~~licensee to train a greyhound using live or dead animals. A~~  
604 ~~greyhound may not be taken from this state for the purpose of~~  
605 ~~being trained through the use of live or dead animals.~~

606           (9) (a) The division may conduct a postmortem examination of  
607 any animal that is injured at a permitted racetrack while in  
608 training or in competition and that subsequently expires or is  
609 destroyed. The division may conduct a postmortem examination of  
610 any animal that expires while housed at a permitted racetrack,  
611 association compound, or licensed kennel ~~or~~ farm. Trainers and  
612 owners shall be requested to comply with this paragraph as a  
613 condition of licensure.

614           ~~(13) The division may implement by rule medication levels~~  
615 ~~for racing greyhounds recommended by the University of Florida~~  
616 ~~College of Veterinary Medicine developed pursuant to an~~  
617 ~~agreement between the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering and the~~  
618 ~~University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. The~~  
619 ~~University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine may provide~~



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620 ~~written notification to the division that it has completed~~  
621 ~~research or review on a particular drug pursuant to the~~  
622 ~~agreement and when the College of Veterinary Medicine has~~  
623 ~~completed a final report of its findings, conclusions, and~~  
624 ~~recommendations to the division.~~

625 Section 18. Subsection (8) of section 550.334, Florida  
626 Statutes, is amended to read

627 550.334 Quarter horse racing; substitutions.—

628 ~~(8) To be eligible to conduct intertrack wagering, a~~  
629 ~~quarter horse racing permitholder must have conducted a full~~  
630 ~~schedule of live racing in the preceding year.~~

631 Section 19. Subsections (2) and (4), paragraph (a) of  
632 subsection (6), and subsection (11) of section 550.3551, Florida  
633 Statutes, are amended to read:

634 550.3551 Transmission of racing and jai alai information;  
635 commingling of pari-mutuel pools.—

636 (2) Any horse track, ~~dog track,~~ or fronton licensed under  
637 this chapter may transmit broadcasts of races or games conducted  
638 at the enclosure of the licensee to locations outside this  
639 state.

640 (a) All broadcasts of horseraces transmitted to locations  
641 outside this state must comply with the provisions of the  
642 Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978, 92 Stat. 1811, 15 U.S.C. ss.  
643 3001 et seq.

644 (b) Wagers accepted by any out-of-state pari-mutuel  
645 permitholder or licensed betting system on a race broadcasted  
646 under this subsection may be, but are not required to be,  
647 included in the pari-mutuel pools of the horse track in this  
648 state that broadcasts the race upon which wagers are accepted.



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649 The handle, as referred to in s. 550.0951(3), does not include  
650 any wagers accepted by an out-of-state pari-mutuel permitholder  
651 or licensed betting system, irrespective of whether such wagers  
652 are included in the pari-mutuel pools of the Florida  
653 permitholder as authorized by this subsection.

654 (4) Any greyhound permitholder or jai alai permitholder ~~dog~~  
655 ~~track or fronton~~ licensed under this chapter may receive at its  
656 licensed location broadcasts of dograces or jai alai games  
657 conducted at other tracks or frontons located outside the state  
658 ~~at the track enclosure of the licensee during its operational~~  
659 ~~meeting~~. All forms of pari-mutuel wagering are allowed on  
660 dograces or jai alai games broadcast under this subsection. All  
661 money wagered by patrons on dograces broadcast under this  
662 subsection shall be computed in the amount of money wagered each  
663 performance for purposes of taxation under ss. 550.0951 and  
664 550.09511.

665 (6) (a) ~~A maximum of 20 percent of the total number of races~~  
666 ~~on which wagers are accepted by a greyhound permitholder not~~  
667 ~~located as specified in s. 550.615(6) may be received from~~  
668 ~~locations outside this state.~~ A permitholder conducting live  
669 races or games may not conduct fewer than eight live races or  
670 games on any authorized race day except as provided in this  
671 subsection. A thoroughbred permitholder may not conduct fewer  
672 than eight live races on any race day without the written  
673 approval of the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' Association and  
674 the Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association,  
675 Inc., unless it is determined by the department that another  
676 entity represents a majority of the thoroughbred racehorse  
677 owners and trainers in the state. If conducting live racing, a





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678 harness permitholder may conduct fewer than eight live races on  
679 any authorized race day, ~~except that such permitholder must~~  
680 ~~conduct a full schedule of live racing during its race meet~~  
681 ~~consisting of at least eight live races per authorized race day~~  
682 ~~for at least 100 days.~~ Any harness horse permitholder ~~that~~  
683 ~~during the preceding racing season conducted a full schedule of~~  
684 ~~live racing may, at any time during its current race meet,~~  
685 receive full-card broadcasts of harness horse races conducted at  
686 harness racetracks outside this state at the harness track of  
687 the permitholder and accept wagers on such harness races. ~~With~~  
688 ~~specific authorization from the division for special racing~~  
689 ~~events, a permitholder may conduct fewer than eight live races~~  
690 ~~or games when the permitholder also broadcasts out of state~~  
691 ~~races or games. The division may not grant more than two such~~  
692 ~~exceptions a year for a permitholder in any 12-month period, and~~  
693 ~~those two exceptions may not be consecutive.~~

694 (11) Greyhound permitholders ~~tracks~~ and jai alai  
695 permitholders ~~frontons~~ have the same privileges as provided in  
696 this section to horserace permitholders ~~horse tracks~~, as  
697 applicable, subject to rules adopted under subsection (10).

698 Section 20. Subsections (1), (3), (4), (5), and (6) of  
699 section 550.3615, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

700 550.3615 Bookmaking on the grounds of a permitholder;  
701 penalties; reinstatement; duties of track employees; penalty;  
702 exceptions.-

703 (1) Any person who engages in bookmaking, as defined in s.  
704 849.25, on the grounds or property of a pari-mutuel facility  
705 commits ~~permitholder of a horse or dog track or jai alai fronton~~  
706 ~~is guilty of~~ a felony of the third degree, punishable as



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707 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.  
708 Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 948.01, any person  
709 convicted under the provisions of this subsection shall not have  
710 adjudication of guilt suspended, deferred, or withheld.

711 (3) Any person who has been convicted of bookmaking in this  
712 state or any other state of the United States or any foreign  
713 country shall be denied admittance to and shall not attend any  
714 pari-mutuel facility ~~racetrack or fronton~~ in this state during  
715 its racing seasons or operating dates, including any practice or  
716 preparational days, for a period of 2 years after the date of  
717 conviction or the date of final appeal. Following the conclusion  
718 of the period of ineligibility, the director of the division may  
719 authorize the reinstatement of an individual following a hearing  
720 on readmittance. Any such person who knowingly violates this  
721 subsection commits ~~is guilty of~~ a misdemeanor of the first  
722 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

723 (4) If the activities of a person show that this law is  
724 being violated, and such activities are either witnessed or are  
725 common knowledge by any pari-mutuel facility ~~track or fronton~~  
726 employee, it is the duty of that employee to bring the matter to  
727 the immediate attention of the permitholder, manager, or her or  
728 his designee, who shall notify a law enforcement agency having  
729 jurisdiction. Willful failure by the pari-mutuel facility ~~on the~~  
730 ~~part of any track or fronton~~ employee to comply with the  
731 provisions of this subsection is a ground for the division to  
732 suspend or revoke that employee's license for pari-mutuel  
733 facility ~~track or fronton~~ employment.

734 (5) Each permittee shall display, in conspicuous places at  
735 a pari-mutuel facility ~~track or fronton~~ and in all race and jai



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736 jai alai daily programs, a warning to all patrons concerning the  
737 prohibition and penalties of bookmaking contained in this  
738 section and s. 849.25. The division shall adopt rules concerning  
739 the uniform size of all warnings and the number of placements  
740 throughout a pari-mutuel facility ~~track or fronton~~. Failure on  
741 the part of the permittee to display such warnings may result in  
742 the imposition of a \$500 fine by the division for each offense.

743 (6) This section does not apply to any person ~~attending a~~  
744 ~~track or fronton~~ or employed by or attending a pari-mutuel  
745 facility ~~a track or fronton~~ who places a bet through the  
746 legalized pari-mutuel pool for another person, provided such  
747 service is rendered gratuitously and without fee or other  
748 reward.

749 Section 21. Section 550.475, Florida Statutes, is amended  
750 to read:

751 550.475 Lease of pari-mutuel facilities by pari-mutuel  
752 permitholders.—Holders of valid pari-mutuel permits for the  
753 conduct of any pari-mutuel wagering ~~jai alai games, dogracing,~~  
754 ~~or thoroughbred and standardbred horse racing~~ in this state are  
755 entitled to lease any and all of their facilities to any other  
756 holder of a same class valid pari-mutuel permit ~~for jai alai~~  
757 ~~games, dogracing, or thoroughbred or standardbred horse racing,~~  
758 when located within a 35-mile radius of each other; and such  
759 lessee is entitled to a permit and license to conduct intertrack  
760 wagering and operate its race meet or jai alai games at the  
761 leased premises.

762 Section 22. Subsection (1) of section 550.5251, Florida  
763 Statutes, is amended to read:

764 550.5251 Florida thoroughbred racing; certain permits;



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765 operating days.—

766 (1) (a) Each thoroughbred permitholder shall annually,  
767 during the period commencing December 15 of each year and ending  
768 January 4 of the following year, file in writing with the  
769 division its application to conduct one or more thoroughbred  
770 racing meetings during the thoroughbred racing season commencing  
771 on the following July 1. Each application shall specify the  
772 number and dates of all performances that the permitholder  
773 intends to conduct during that thoroughbred racing season. On or  
774 before March 15 of each year, the division shall issue a license  
775 authorizing each permitholder to conduct performances on the  
776 dates specified in its application. Up to February 28 of each  
777 year, each permitholder may request and shall be granted changes  
778 in its authorized performances; but thereafter, as a condition  
779 precedent to the validity of its license and its right to retain  
780 its permit, each permitholder must operate the full number of  
781 days authorized on each of the dates set forth in its license.

782 (b) A thoroughbred permitholder that has conducted live  
783 racing for at least 5 years prior to July 1, 2020, and that has  
784 not filed with the division an application to conduct one or  
785 more thoroughbred racing meetings under this section for the  
786 thoroughbred racing season commencing July 1, 2021, retains its  
787 permit; is a pari-mutuel facility as defined in s. 550.002(23);  
788 if such permitholder has been issued a slot machine license, the  
789 facility where such permit is located remains an eligible  
790 facility as defined in s. 551.102(4), continues to be eligible  
791 for a slot machine license pursuant to s. 551.104(3), and is  
792 exempt from ss. 551.104(4)(c) and (10) and 551.114(2); is  
793 eligible, but not required, to be a guest track; and remains



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794 eligible for a cardroom license.

795 Section 23. Subsections (2) and (8) of section 550.615,  
796 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (11) is added to  
797 that section, to read:

798 550.615 Intertrack wagering.—

799 (2) A pari-mutuel permitholder that has met the applicable  
800 requirement for that permitholder to conduct live racing or  
801 games under s. 550.01215(1)(b), if any, on January 1, 2021, Any  
802 ~~track or fronton licensed under this chapter which in the~~  
803 ~~preceding year conducted a full schedule of live racing is~~  
804 qualified to, at any time, receive broadcasts of any class of  
805 pari-mutuel race or game and accept wagers on such races or  
806 games conducted by any class of permitholders licensed under  
807 this chapter.

808 (8) In any three contiguous counties of the state where  
809 there are only three permitholders, all of which are greyhound  
810 permitholders, if any permitholder leases the facility of  
811 another permitholder for all or any portion of the conduct of  
812 its live race meet pursuant to s. 550.475, such lessee may  
813 conduct intertrack wagering at its pre-lease permitted facility  
814 throughout the entire year, ~~including while its live meet is~~  
815 ~~being conducted at the leased facility, if such permitholder has~~  
816 ~~conducted a full schedule of live racing during the preceding~~  
817 ~~fiscal year at its pre-lease permitted facility or at a leased~~  
818 ~~facility, or combination thereof.~~

819 (11) Any greyhound permitholder licensed under this chapter  
820 to conduct pari-mutuel wagering is qualified to, at any time,  
821 receive broadcasts of any class of pari-mutuel race or game and  
822 accept wagers on such races or games conducted by any class of



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823 permitholders licensed under this chapter.

824 Section 24. Subsection (2) of section 550.6305, Florida  
825 Statutes, is amended to read:

826 550.6305 Intertrack wagering; guest track payments;  
827 accounting rules.-

828 (2) For the purposes of calculation of odds and payoffs and  
829 distribution of the pari-mutuel pools, all intertrack wagers  
830 shall be combined with the pari-mutuel pools at the host track.  
831 ~~Notwithstanding this subsection or subsection (4), a greyhound~~  
832 ~~pari-mutuel permitholder may conduct intertrack wagering without~~  
833 ~~combining pari-mutuel pools on not more than three races in any~~  
834 ~~week, not to exceed 20 races in a year. All other provisions~~  
835 ~~concerning pari-mutuel takeout and payments, including state tax~~  
836 ~~payments, apply as if the pool had been combined.~~

837 Section 25. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section  
838 551.104, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

839 551.104 License to conduct slot machine gaming.-

840 (4) As a condition of licensure and to maintain continued  
841 authority for the conduct of slot machine gaming, the slot  
842 machine licensee shall:

843 (c) If a thoroughbred permitholder, conduct no fewer than a  
844 full schedule of live racing or games as defined in s.  
845 550.002(11). A permitholder's responsibility to conduct ~~such~~  
846 ~~number of~~ live races or games shall be reduced by the number of  
847 races or games that could not be conducted due to the direct  
848 result of fire, war, hurricane, or other disaster or event  
849 beyond the control of the permitholder.

850 Section 26. Subsection (4) of section 551.114, Florida  
851 Statutes, is amended to read:



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852 551.114 Slot machine gaming areas.-

853 (4) Designated slot machine gaming areas must ~~may~~ be  
854 located at the address specified in the licensed permitholder's  
855 slot machine license issued for fiscal year 2020-2021 ~~within the~~  
856 ~~current live gaming facility or in an existing building that~~  
857 ~~must be contiguous and connected to the live gaming facility. If~~  
858 ~~a designated slot machine gaming area is to be located in a~~  
859 ~~building that is to be constructed, that new building must be~~  
860 ~~contiguous and connected to the live gaming facility.~~

861 Section 27. Subsection (5) of section 565.02, Florida  
862 Statutes, is amended to read:

863 565.02 License fees; vendors; clubs; caterers; and others.-

864 (5) A caterer at a pari-mutuel facility licensed under  
865 chapter 550 ~~horse or dog racetrack or jai alai fronton~~ may  
866 obtain a license upon the payment of an annual state license tax  
867 of \$675. Such caterer's license shall permit sales only within  
868 the enclosure in which pari-mutuel wagering is conducted ~~such~~  
869 ~~races or jai alai games are conducted, and such licensee shall~~  
870 ~~be permitted to sell only during the period beginning 10 days~~  
871 ~~before and ending 10 days after racing or jai alai~~ under the  
872 authority of the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering of the  
873 Department of Business and Professional Regulation ~~is conducted~~  
874 ~~at such racetrack or jai alai fronton~~. Except as in this  
875 subsection otherwise provided, caterers licensed hereunder shall  
876 be treated as vendors licensed to sell by the drink the  
877 beverages mentioned herein and shall be subject to all the  
878 provisions hereof relating to such vendors.

879 Section 28. Subsection (5) and paragraph (d) of subsection  
880 (13) of section 849.086, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:



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881 849.086 Cardrooms authorized.—

882 (5) LICENSE REQUIRED; APPLICATION; FEES.—No person may  
883 operate a cardroom in this state unless such person holds a  
884 valid cardroom license issued pursuant to this section.

885 (a) Only those persons holding a valid cardroom license  
886 issued by the division may operate a cardroom. A cardroom  
887 license may only be issued to a licensed pari-mutuel  
888 permitholder and an authorized cardroom may only be operated at  
889 the same facility at which the permitholder is authorized under  
890 its valid pari-mutuel wagering permit to conduct pari-mutuel  
891 wagering activities. An initial cardroom license shall be issued  
892 to a pari-mutuel permitholder only after its facilities are in  
893 place and after it conducts its first day of pari-mutuel  
894 activities on live racing or games.

895 (b) After the initial cardroom license is granted, the  
896 application for the annual license renewal shall be made in  
897 conjunction with the applicant's annual application for its  
898 pari-mutuel license. If a permitholder has operated a cardroom  
899 during any of the 3 previous fiscal years and fails to include a  
900 renewal request for the operation of the cardroom in its annual  
901 application for license renewal, the permitholder may amend its  
902 annual application to include operation of the cardroom.

903 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a cardroom  
904 license may not be issued to any permitholder that did not hold  
905 a cardroom license on January 1, 2021. In order for a cardroom  
906 license to be renewed the applicant must have requested, as part  
907 of its pari-mutuel annual license application, to conduct at  
908 least 90 percent of the total number of live performances  
909 conducted by such permitholder during either the state fiscal





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910 ~~year in which its initial cardroom license was issued or the~~  
911 ~~state fiscal year immediately prior thereto if the permitholder~~  
912 ~~ran at least a full schedule of live racing or games in the~~  
913 ~~prior year. If the application is for a harness permitholder~~  
914 ~~cardroom, the applicant must have requested authorization to~~  
915 ~~conduct a minimum of 140 live performances during the state~~  
916 ~~fiscal year immediately prior thereto. If more than one~~  
917 ~~permitholder is operating at a facility, each permitholder must~~  
918 ~~have applied for a license to conduct a full schedule of live~~  
919 ~~racing.~~

920       ~~(d)~~(e) Persons seeking a license or a renewal thereof to  
921 operate a cardroom shall make application on forms prescribed by  
922 the division. Applications for cardroom licenses shall contain  
923 all of the information the division, by rule, may determine is  
924 required to ensure eligibility.

925       ~~(e)~~(d) The annual cardroom license fee for each facility  
926 shall be \$1,000 for each table to be operated at the cardroom.  
927 The license fee shall be deposited by the division with the  
928 Chief Financial Officer to the credit of the Pari-mutuel  
929 Wagering Trust Fund.

930       (13) TAXES AND OTHER PAYMENTS.—

931       (d)1. Each ~~greyhound and~~ jai alai permitholder that  
932 conducts live performances and operates a cardroom facility  
933 shall use at least 4 percent of such permitholder's cardroom  
934 monthly gross receipts to supplement ~~greyhound purses or~~ jai  
935 alai prize money, ~~respectively,~~ during the permitholder's next  
936 ensuing pari-mutuel meet.

937       2. Each thoroughbred permitholder or ~~and~~ harness horse  
938 racing permitholder that conducts live performances and operates



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939 a cardroom facility shall use at least 50 percent of such  
940 permitholder's cardroom monthly net proceeds as follows: 47  
941 percent to supplement purses and 3 percent to supplement  
942 breeders' awards during the permitholder's next ensuing racing  
943 meet.

944 3. No cardroom license or renewal thereof shall be issued  
945 to an applicant holding a permit under chapter 550 to conduct  
946 pari-mutuel wagering meets of quarter horse racing and  
947 conducting live performances unless the applicant has on file  
948 with the division a binding written agreement between the  
949 applicant and the Florida Quarter Horse Racing Association or  
950 the association representing a majority of the horse owners and  
951 trainers at the applicant's eligible facility, governing the  
952 payment of purses on live quarter horse races conducted at the  
953 licensee's pari-mutuel facility. The agreement governing purses  
954 may direct the payment of such purses from revenues generated by  
955 any wagering or gaming the applicant is authorized to conduct  
956 under Florida law. All purses shall be subject to the terms of  
957 chapter 550.

958 Section 29. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
959 made by this act to section 550.002, Florida Statutes, in a  
960 reference thereto, paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
961 380.0651, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

962 380.0651 Statewide guidelines, standards, and exemptions.-

963 (2) STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS.—The following developments are  
964 exempt from s. 380.06:

965 (c) Any proposed addition to an existing sports facility  
966 complex if the addition meets the following characteristics:

967 1. It would not operate concurrently with the scheduled



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968 hours of operation of the existing facility;

969         2. Its seating capacity would be no more than 75 percent of  
970 the capacity of the existing facility; and

971         3. The sports facility complex property was owned by a  
972 public body before July 1, 1983.

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974 This exemption does not apply to any pari-mutuel facility as  
975 defined in s. 550.002.

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977 If a use is exempt from review pursuant to paragraphs (a)-(u),  
978 but will be part of a larger project that is subject to review  
979 pursuant to s. 380.06(12), the impact of the exempt use must be  
980 included in the review of the larger project, unless such exempt  
981 use involves a development that includes a landowner, tenant, or  
982 user that has entered into a funding agreement with the state  
983 land planning agency under the Innovation Incentive Program and  
984 the agreement contemplates a state award of at least \$50  
985 million.

986         Section 30. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
987 made by this act to section 550.002, Florida Statutes, in a  
988 reference thereto, paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section  
989 402.82, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

990         402.82 Electronic benefits transfer program.—

991         (4) Use or acceptance of an electronic benefits transfer  
992 card is prohibited at the following locations or for the  
993 following activities:

994         (c) A pari-mutuel facility as defined in s. 550.002.

995         Section 31. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
996 made by this act to section 550.002, Florida Statutes, in a



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997 reference thereto, subsection (1) of section 480.0475, Florida  
998 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

999 480.0475 Massage establishments; prohibited practices.—

1000 (1) A person may not operate a massage establishment  
1001 between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. This subsection does  
1002 not apply to a massage establishment:

1003 (a) Located on the premises of a health care facility as  
1004 defined in s. 408.07; a health care clinic as defined in s.  
1005 400.9905(4); a hotel, motel, or bed and breakfast inn, as those  
1006 terms are defined in s. 509.242; a timeshare property as defined  
1007 in s. 721.05; a public airport as defined in s. 330.27; or a  
1008 pari-mutuel facility as defined in s. 550.002;

1009 (b) In which every massage performed between the hours of  
1010 midnight and 5 a.m. is performed by a massage therapist acting  
1011 under the prescription of a physician or physician assistant  
1012 licensed under chapter 458, an osteopathic physician or  
1013 physician assistant licensed under chapter 459, a chiropractic  
1014 physician licensed under chapter 460, a podiatric physician  
1015 licensed under chapter 461, an advanced practice registered  
1016 nurse licensed under part I of chapter 464, or a dentist  
1017 licensed under chapter 466; or

1018 (c) Operating during a special event if the county or  
1019 municipality in which the establishment operates has approved  
1020 such operation during the special event.

1021 Section 32. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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1023 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

1024 And the title is amended as follows:

1025 Delete everything before the enacting clause



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1026 and insert:

1027                   A bill to be entitled  
1028           An act relating to requirements for pari-mutuel  
1029           permitholders to conduct racing or games; amending s.  
1030           550.002, F.S.; revising and providing definitions;  
1031           amending s. 550.0115, F.S.; conforming provisions to  
1032           changes made by the act; amending s. 550.01215, F.S.;  
1033           revising the application requirements for an operating  
1034           license to conduct pari-mutuel wagering for a pari-  
1035           mutuel facility; prohibiting greyhound permitholders  
1036           from conducting live racing; authorizing jai alai  
1037           permitholders, harness horse racing permitholders, and  
1038           quarter horse racing permitholders to elect not to  
1039           conduct live racing or games; requiring certain  
1040           thoroughbred permitholders to conduct live racing;  
1041           specifying that certain permitholders that do not  
1042           conduct live racing or games retain their permit and  
1043           remain pari-mutuel facilities; specifying that, if  
1044           such permitholder has been issued a slot machine  
1045           license, the permitholder's facility remains an  
1046           eligible facility, continues to be eligible for a slot  
1047           machine license, is exempt from certain provisions of  
1048           ch. 551, F.S., is eligible to be a guest track, and,  
1049           if the permitholder is a harness horse racing  
1050           permitholder, is eligible to be a host track for  
1051           intertrack wagering and simulcasting, and remains  
1052           eligible for a cardroom license; prohibiting a  
1053           permitholder or licensee from conducting live  
1054           greyhound racing or dogracing in connection with any



1055           wager for money or any other thing of value in the  
1056           state; providing administrative and civil penalties;  
1057           prohibiting operating licenses from being issued  
1058           unless a specified requirement is met; authorizing the  
1059           Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering to approve a change  
1060           in racing dates for certain permitholders if the  
1061           request for a change is received before a specified  
1062           date and under certain circumstances; deleting a  
1063           provision authorizing the conversion of certain  
1064           permits to a jai alai permit under certain  
1065           circumstances; amending s. 550.0235, F.S.; conforming  
1066           provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.  
1067           550.0351, F.S.; deleting a provision relating to hound  
1068           dog derbies and mutt derbies; amending s. 550.0425,  
1069           F.S.; deleting a provision authorizing certain  
1070           children to be granted access to kennel compound areas  
1071           under certain circumstances; amending s. 550.054,  
1072           F.S.; revising requirements to hold a permit from the  
1073           operation of a pari-mutuel facility, cardroom, or slot  
1074           machine facility; prohibiting the relocation of  
1075           certain facilities and cardrooms and the conversion of  
1076           pari-mutuel wagering permits; deleting provisions  
1077           relating to the conversion of jai alai permits to  
1078           greyhound racing permits; conforming provisions to  
1079           changes made by the act; amending s. 550.09511, F.S.;  
1080           deleting a provision relating to the payment of  
1081           certain taxes and fees by jai alai permitholders  
1082           conducting fewer than a specified number of live  
1083           performances; amending s. 550.09512, F.S.; revising



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1084 the circumstances for which a harness horse  
1085 permitholder's permit is voided for failing to pay  
1086 certain taxes; amending ss. 550.105, 550.1155, and  
1087 550.1647, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made  
1088 by the act; repealing s. 550.1648, F.S., relating to  
1089 greyhound adoptions; amending ss. 550.175 and  
1090 550.1815, and 550.24055, F.S.; conforming provisions  
1091 to changes made by the act; amending s. 550.2415,  
1092 F.S.; deleting provisions relating to the testing,  
1093 euthanasia, and training of racing greyhounds;  
1094 amending ss. 550.334 and 550.3551, F.S.; conforming  
1095 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.  
1096 550.3615, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made  
1097 by the act; prohibiting a person convicted of  
1098 bookmaking from attending or being admitted to a pari-  
1099 mutuel facility; requiring pari-mutuel facility  
1100 employees to notify certain persons of unlawful  
1101 activities; providing civil penalties; requiring a  
1102 permittee to display certain warnings relating to  
1103 bookmaking at his or her pari-mutuel facility;  
1104 revising applicability; amending s. 550.475, F.S.;  
1105 revising provisions relating to leasing pari-mutuel  
1106 facilities; amending s. 550.5251, F.S.; specifying  
1107 that certain thoroughbred permitholders who have not  
1108 filed an application to conduct specified thoroughbred  
1109 racing meetings retain their permits and remain pari-  
1110 mutuel facilities; specifying that, if such  
1111 permitholder has been issued a slot machine license,  
1112 the permitholder's facility remains an eligible



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1113 facility and continues to be eligible for a slot  
1114 machine license; specifying that such permitholders  
1115 are exempt from certain provisions of ch. 551, F.S.,  
1116 are eligible to be a guest track, and remains eligible  
1117 for a cardroom license; amending s. 550.615, F.S.;  
1118 revising requirements relating to intertrack wagering;  
1119 specifying that greyhound permitholders are qualified  
1120 to receive certain broadcasts and accept specified  
1121 wagers; amending s. 550.6305, F.S.; conforming  
1122 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.  
1123 551.104, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made  
1124 by the act; amending s. 551.114, F.S.; revising  
1125 requirements for the locations of designated slot  
1126 machine gaming areas; amending s. 565.02, F.S.;  
1127 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
1128 amending s. 849.086, F.S.; prohibiting a cardroom  
1129 license from being issued to certain permitholders;  
1130 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
1131 reenacting ss. 380.0651(2)(c), 402.82(4)(c), and  
1132 480.0475(1), F.S., relating to statewide guidelines,  
1133 the electronic benefits transfer program, and massage  
1134 establishments, respectively, to incorporate the  
1135 amendments made to s. 550.002, F.S., in references  
1136 thereto; providing an effective date.