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The Committee on Appropriations (Farmer) recommended the following:

**Senate Substitute for Amendment (406258) (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 291 - 1238  
and insert:

A jai alai permitholder, harness horse racing permitholder, quarter horse racing permitholder, or thoroughbred racing permitholder may elect not to conduct live racing or games. A greyhound permitholder, jai alai permitholder, harness horse racing permitholder, quarter horse racing permitholder, or



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11 thoroughbred permitholder that does not conduct live racing or  
12 games retains its permit; is a pari-mutuel facility as defined  
13 in s. 550.002(23); if such permitholder has been issued a slot  
14 machine license, the facility where such permit is located  
15 remains an eligible facility as defined in s. 551.102(4),  
16 continues to be eligible for a slot machine license pursuant to  
17 s. 551.104(3), and is exempt from ss. 551.104(4) (c) and (10) and  
18 551.114(2); is eligible, but not required, to be a guest track  
19 and, if the permitholder is a harness horse racing permitholder,  
20 to be a host track for purposes of intertrack wagering and  
21 simulcasting pursuant to ss. 550.3551, 550.615, 550.625, and  
22 550.6305; and remains eligible for a cardroom license.

23 2. A permitholder or licensee may not conduct live  
24 greyhound racing or dogracing in connection with any wager for  
25 money or any other thing of value in the state. The division may  
26 deny, suspend, or revoke any permit or license under this  
27 chapter if a permitholder or licensee conducts live greyhound  
28 racing or dogracing in violation of this subparagraph. In  
29 addition to, or in lieu of, denial, suspension, or revocation of  
30 such permit or license, the division may impose a civil penalty  
31 of up to \$5,000 against the permitholder or licensee for a  
32 violation of this subparagraph. All penalties imposed and  
33 collected must be deposited with the Chief Financial Officer to  
34 the credit of the General Revenue Fund.

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

37 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, other than  
38 a permitholder issued a permit pursuant to s. 550.3345, a pari-  
39 mutuel permitholder may not be issued an operating license for



40 the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering, slot machine gaming, or the  
41 operation of a cardroom if the permitholder did not hold an  
42 operating license for the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering for  
43 fiscal year 2020-2021.

44 (2) After the first license has been issued to a  
45 permitholder, all subsequent annual applications for a license  
46 shall be accompanied by proof, in such form as the division may  
47 by rule require, that the permitholder continues to possess the  
48 qualifications prescribed by this chapter, and that the permit  
49 has not been disapproved at a later election.

50 (3) The division shall issue each license no later than  
51 March 15. Each permitholder shall operate all performances at  
52 the date and time specified on its license. The division shall  
53 have the authority to approve minor changes in racing dates  
54 after a license has been issued. The division may approve  
55 changes in racing dates after a license has been issued when  
56 there is no objection from any operating permitholder that is  
57 conducting live racing or games and that is located within 50  
58 miles of the permitholder requesting the changes in operating  
59 dates. In the event of an objection, the division shall approve  
60 or disapprove the change in operating dates based upon the  
61 impact on operating permitholders located within 50 miles of the  
62 permitholder requesting the change in operating dates. In making  
63 the determination to change racing dates, the division shall  
64 take into consideration the impact of such changes on state  
65 revenues. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and for  
66 the 2021-2022 state fiscal year only, the division may approve  
67 changes in operating dates for a jai alai permitholder, harness  
68 horse racing permitholder, quarter horse racing permitholder, or



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69 thoroughbred permitholder if the request for such changes is  
70 received before October 1, 2021.

71 (4) In the event that a permitholder fails to operate all  
72 performances specified on its license at the date and time  
73 specified, the division shall hold a hearing to determine  
74 whether to fine or suspend the permitholder's license, unless  
75 such failure was the direct result of fire, strike, war,  
76 hurricane, pandemic, or other disaster or event beyond the  
77 ability of the permitholder to control. Financial hardship to  
78 the permitholder shall not, in and of itself, constitute just  
79 cause for failure to operate all performances on the dates and  
80 at the times specified.

81 (5) In the event that performances licensed to be operated  
82 by a permitholder are vacated, abandoned, or will not be used  
83 for any reason, any permitholder shall be entitled, pursuant to  
84 rules adopted by the division, to apply to conduct performances  
85 on the dates for which the performances have been abandoned. The  
86 division shall issue an amended license for all such replacement  
87 performances which have been requested in compliance with ~~the~~  
88 ~~provisions of~~ this chapter and division rules.

89 ~~(6) Any permit which was converted from a jai alai permit~~  
90 ~~to a greyhound permit may be converted to a jai alai permit at~~  
91 ~~any time if the permitholder never conducted greyhound racing or~~  
92 ~~if the permitholder has not conducted greyhound racing for a~~  
93 ~~period of 12 consecutive months.~~

94 Section 4. Section 550.0235, Florida Statutes, is amended  
95 to read:

96 550.0235 Limitation of civil liability.—No permitholder  
97 licensed to conduct pari-mutuel wagering ~~permittee conducting a~~



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98 ~~racing meet~~ pursuant to the provisions of this chapter; no  
99 division director or employee of the division; and no steward,  
100 judge, or other person appointed to act pursuant to this chapter  
101 shall be held liable to any person, partnership, association,  
102 corporation, or other business entity for any cause whatsoever  
103 arising out of, or from, the performance by such permittee,  
104 director, employee, steward, judge, or other person of her or  
105 his duties and the exercise of her or his discretion with  
106 respect to the implementation and enforcement of the statutes  
107 and rules governing the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering, so long  
108 as she or he acted in good faith. This section shall not limit  
109 liability in any situation in which the negligent maintenance of  
110 the premises or the negligent conduct of a race contributed to  
111 an accident; nor shall it limit any contractual liability.

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

114 550.0351 Charity racing days.—

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

119 ~~(7) In addition to the charity days authorized by this~~  
120 ~~section, any dogracing permitholder may allow its facility to be~~  
121 ~~used for conducting "hound dog derbies" or "mutt derbies" on any~~  
122 ~~day during each racing season by any charitable, civic, or~~  
123 ~~nonprofit organization for the purpose of conducting "hound dog~~  
124 ~~derbies" or "mutt derbies" if only dogs other than those usually~~  
125 ~~used in dogracing (greyhounds) are permitted to race and if~~  
126 ~~adults and minors are allowed to participate as dog owners or~~



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127 ~~spectators. During these racing events, betting, gambling, and~~  
128 ~~the sale or use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.~~

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

131 550.0425 Minors attendance at pari-mutuel performances;  
132 restrictions.-

133 ~~(4) Minor children of licensed greyhound trainers, kennel~~  
134 ~~operators, or other licensed persons employed in the kennel~~  
135 ~~compound areas may be granted access to kennel compound areas~~  
136 ~~without being licensed, provided they are in no way employed~~  
137 ~~unless properly licensed, and only when under the direct~~  
138 ~~supervision of one of their parents or legal guardian.~~

139 Section 7. Subsection (2) of section 550.054, Florida  
140 Statutes, is amended, paragraph (c) is added to subsection (9)  
141 of that section, and subsection (15) is added to that section,  
142 to read:

143 550.054 Application for permit to conduct pari-mutuel  
144 wagering.-

145 (2) Upon each application filed and approved, a permit  
146 shall be issued to the applicant setting forth the name of the  
147 permitholder, the location of the pari-mutuel facility, the type  
148 of pari-mutuel activity desired to be conducted, and a statement  
149 showing qualifications of the applicant to conduct pari-mutuel  
150 performances under this chapter; however, a permit is  
151 ineffectual to authorize any pari-mutuel performances until  
152 approved by a majority of the electors participating in a  
153 ratification election in the county in which the applicant  
154 proposes to conduct pari-mutuel wagering activities. In  
155 addition, an application may not be considered, nor may a permit



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156 be issued by the division or be voted upon in any county, to  
157 conduct horseraces, harness horse races, or pari-mutuel wagering  
158 ~~dograces~~ at a location within 100 miles of an existing pari-  
159 mutuel facility, or for jai alai within 50 miles of an existing  
160 pari-mutuel facility; this distance shall be measured on a  
161 straight line from the nearest property line of one pari-mutuel  
162 facility to the nearest property line of the other facility.

163 (9)

164 (c) The division shall revoke the permit of any  
165 permitholder, other than a permitholder issued a permit pursuant  
166 to s. 550.3345, who did not hold an operating license for the  
167 conduct of pari-mutuel wagering for fiscal year 2020-2021. A  
168 permit revoked under this paragraph is void and may not be  
169 reissued.

170 (15) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a  
171 permit for the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering and associated  
172 cardroom or slot machine licenses may only be held by a  
173 permitholder who held an operating license for the conduct of  
174 pari-mutuel wagering for fiscal year 2020-2021 or who holds a  
175 permit issued pursuant to s. 550.3345;

176 (b) All permits issued under this chapter held by  
177 permitholders on January 1, 2021, are deemed valid for the sole  
178 and exclusive purpose of satisfying all conditions for the valid  
179 issuance of the permits, if such permitholder held an operating  
180 license for the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering for fiscal year  
181 2020-2021 or if such permitholder held a permit issued pursuant  
182 to s. 550.3345;

183 (c) Additional permits for the conduct of pari-mutuel  
184 wagering may not be approved or issued by the division after



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185 January 1, 2021; and

186 (d) A permit to conduct pari-mutuel wagering may not be  
187 converted to another class of permit.

188 Section 8. Section 550.0745, Florida Statutes, is amended  
189 to read:

190 550.0745 ~~Conversion of pari-mutuel permit to Summer jai~~  
191 ~~alai permit periods of operation.~~ A permit holder issued a permit  
192 under former subsection (1) of this section, Florida Statutes  
193 2020, for the operation of a jai alai fronton during the summer  
194 season may conduct pari-mutuel wagering throughout the year

195 ~~(1) The owner or operator of a pari-mutuel permit who is~~  
196 ~~authorized by the division to conduct pari-mutuel pools on~~  
197 ~~exhibition sports in any county having five or more such pari-~~  
198 ~~mutuel permits and whose mutuel play from the operation of such~~  
199 ~~pari-mutuel pools for the 2 consecutive years next prior to~~  
200 ~~filing an application under this section has had the smallest~~  
201 ~~play or total pool within the county may apply to the division~~  
202 ~~to convert its permit to a permit to conduct a summer jai alai~~  
203 ~~fronton in such county during the summer season commencing on~~  
204 ~~May 1 and ending on November 30 of each year on such dates as~~  
205 ~~may be selected by such permittee for the same number of days~~  
206 ~~and performances as are allowed and granted to winter jai alai~~  
207 ~~frontons within such county. If a permittee who is eligible~~  
208 ~~under this section to convert a permit declines to convert, a~~  
209 ~~new permit is hereby made available in that permittee's county~~  
210 ~~to conduct summer jai alai games as provided by this section,~~  
211 ~~notwithstanding mileage and permit ratification requirements. If~~  
212 ~~a permittee converts a quarter horse permit pursuant to this~~  
213 ~~section, nothing in this section prohibits the permittee from~~





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214 ~~obtaining another quarter horse permit. Such permittee shall pay~~  
215 ~~the same taxes as are fixed and required to be paid from the~~  
216 ~~pari-mutuel pools of winter jai alai permittees and is bound by~~  
217 ~~all of the rules and provisions of this chapter which apply to~~  
218 ~~the operation of winter jai alai frontons. Such permittee shall~~  
219 ~~only be permitted to operate a jai alai fronton after its~~  
220 ~~application has been submitted to the division and its license~~  
221 ~~has been issued pursuant to the application. The license is~~  
222 ~~renewable from year to year as provided by law.~~

223 ~~(2) Such permittee is entitled to the issuance of a license~~  
224 ~~for the operation of a jai alai fronton during the summer season~~  
225 ~~as fixed in this section. A permittee granted a license under~~  
226 ~~this section may not conduct pari-mutuel pools during the summer~~  
227 ~~season except at a jai alai fronton as provided in this section.~~  
228 ~~Such license authorizes the permittee to operate at any jai alai~~  
229 ~~permittee's plant it may lease or build within such county.~~

230 ~~(3) Such license for the operation of a jai alai fronton~~  
231 ~~shall never be permitted to be operated during the jai alai~~  
232 ~~winter season; and neither the jai alai winter licensee or the~~  
233 ~~jai alai summer licensee shall be permitted to operate on the~~  
234 ~~same days or in competition with each other. This section does~~  
235 ~~not prevent the summer jai alai permittee from leasing the~~  
236 ~~facilities of the winter jai alai permittee for the operation of~~  
237 ~~the summer meet.~~

238 ~~(4) The provisions of this chapter which prohibit the~~  
239 ~~location and operation of jai alai frontons within a specified~~  
240 ~~distance from the location of another jai alai fronton or other~~  
241 ~~permittee and which prohibit the division from granting any~~  
242 ~~permit at a location within a certain designated area do not~~



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243 ~~apply to the provisions of this section and do not prevent the~~  
244 ~~issuance of a license under this section.~~

245 Section 9. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section  
246 550.0951, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

247 550.0951 Payment of daily license fee and taxes;  
248 penalties.—

249 (3) TAX ON HANDLE.—Each permitholder shall pay a tax on  
250 contributions to pari-mutuel pools, the aggregate of which is  
251 hereinafter referred to as "handle," on races or games conducted  
252 by the permitholder. The tax is imposed daily and is based on  
253 the total contributions to all pari-mutuel pools conducted  
254 during the daily performance. If a permitholder conducts more  
255 than one performance daily, the tax is imposed on each  
256 performance separately.

257 (c)1. The tax on handle for intertrack wagering is 2.0  
258 percent of the handle if the host track is a horse track, 3.3  
259 percent if the host track is a harness track, 5.5 percent if the  
260 host track is a dog track, and 7.1 percent if the host track is  
261 a jai alai fronton. The tax on handle for intertrack wagering is  
262 0.5 percent if the host track and the guest track are  
263 thoroughbred permitholders or if the guest track is located  
264 outside the market area of the host track and within the market  
265 area of a thoroughbred permitholder currently conducting a live  
266 race meet. The tax on handle for intertrack wagering on  
267 rebroadcasts of simulcast thoroughbred horseraces is 2.4 percent  
268 of the handle and 1.5 percent of the handle for intertrack  
269 wagering on rebroadcasts of simulcast harness horseraces. The  
270 tax shall be deposited into the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund.

271 2. The tax on handle for intertrack wagers accepted by any



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272 dog track located in an area of the state in which there are  
273 only three permitholders, all of which are greyhound  
274 permitholders, located in three contiguous counties, from any  
275 greyhound permitholder also located within such area or any dog  
276 track or jai alai fronton located as specified in s. 550.615(5)  
277 or (8) ~~s. 550.615(6) or (9)~~, on races or games received from the  
278 same class of permitholder located within the same market area  
279 is 3.9 percent if the host facility is a greyhound permitholder  
280 and, if the host facility is a jai alai permitholder, the rate  
281 shall be 6.1 percent except that it shall be 2.3 percent on  
282 handle at such time as the total tax on intertrack handle paid  
283 to the division by the permitholder during the current state  
284 fiscal year exceeds the total tax on intertrack handle paid to  
285 the division by the permitholder during the 1992-1993 state  
286 fiscal year.

287 Section 10. Subsection (4) of section 550.09511, Florida  
288 Statutes, is amended to read:

289 550.09511 Jai alai taxes; abandoned interest in a permit  
290 for nonpayment of taxes.-

291 ~~(4) A jai alai permitholder conducting fewer than 100 live~~  
292 ~~performances in any calendar year shall pay to the state the~~  
293 ~~same aggregate amount of daily license fees on live jai alai~~  
294 ~~games, admissions tax, and tax on live handle as that~~  
295 ~~permitholder paid to the state during the most recent prior~~  
296 ~~calendar year in which the jai alai permitholder conducted at~~  
297 ~~least 100 live performances.~~

298 Section 11. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
299 550.09512, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

300 550.09512 Harness horse taxes; abandoned interest in a



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301 permit for nonpayment of taxes.-

302 (3) (a) The permit of a harness horse permitholder who is  
303 conducting live harness horse performances and who does not pay  
304 tax on handle for any such ~~live harness horse~~ performances  
305 conducted for a full schedule of live races during any 2  
306 consecutive state fiscal years shall be void and may not be  
307 reissued shall escheat to and become the property of the state  
308 unless such failure to operate and pay tax on handle was the  
309 direct result of fire, strike, war, hurricane, pandemic, or  
310 other disaster or event beyond the ability of the permitholder  
311 to control. Financial hardship to the permitholder shall not, in  
312 and of itself, constitute just cause for failure to operate and  
313 pay tax on handle.

314 Section 12. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
315 550.09514, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316 550.09514 Greyhound dogracing taxes; purse requirements.-

317 (2)

318 (b) Except as otherwise set forth herein, in addition to  
319 the minimum purse percentage required by paragraph (a), each  
320 permitholder shall pay as purses an annual amount equal to 75  
321 percent of the daily license fees paid by each permitholder for  
322 the 1994-1995 fiscal year. This purse supplement shall be  
323 disbursed weekly during the permitholder's race meet in an  
324 amount determined by dividing the annual purse supplement by the  
325 number of performances approved for the permitholder pursuant to  
326 its annual license and multiplying that amount by the number of  
327 performances conducted each week. For the greyhound  
328 permitholders in the county where there are two greyhound  
329 permitholders located as specified in s. 550.615(5) ~~s.~~



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330 ~~550.615(6)~~, such permitholders shall pay in the aggregate an  
331 amount equal to 75 percent of the daily license fees paid by  
332 such permitholders for the 1994-1995 fiscal year. These  
333 permitholders shall be jointly and severally liable for such  
334 purse payments. The additional purses provided by this paragraph  
335 must be used exclusively for purses other than stakes. The  
336 division shall conduct audits necessary to ensure compliance  
337 with this section.

338 Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) and subsection  
339 (7) of section 550.09515, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

340 550.09515 Thoroughbred horse taxes; abandoned interest in a  
341 permit for nonpayment of taxes.-

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

353 ~~(7) If a thoroughbred permitholder fails to operate all~~  
354 ~~performances on its 2001-2002 license, failure to pay tax on~~  
355 ~~handle for a full schedule of live races for those performances~~  
356 ~~in the 2001-2002 fiscal year does not constitute failure to pay~~  
357 ~~taxes on handle for a full schedule of live races in a fiscal~~  
358 ~~year for the purposes of subsection (3). This subsection may not~~



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359 ~~be construed as forgiving a thoroughbred permitholder from~~  
360 ~~paying taxes on performances conducted at its facility pursuant~~  
361 ~~to its 2001-2002 license other than for failure to operate all~~  
362 ~~performances on its 2001-2002 license. This subsection expires~~  
363 ~~July 1, 2003.~~

364 Section 14. Subsections (2) and (9) of section 550.105,  
365 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

366 550.105 Occupational licenses of racetrack employees; fees;  
367 denial, suspension, and revocation of license; penalties and  
368 fines.—

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

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

381 2. Professional occupational licenses: professional persons  
382 with access to the backside of a racetrack or players' quarters  
383 in jai alai such as trainers, officials, veterinarians, doctors,  
384 nurses, EMT's, jockeys and apprentices, drivers, jai alai  
385 players, owners, trustees, or any management or officer or  
386 director or shareholder or any other professional-level person  
387 who might have access to the jockeys' room, the drivers' room,



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388 the backside, racing animals, ~~kennel compound~~, or managers or  
389 supervisors requiring access to mutuels machines, the money  
390 room, or totalisator equipment: \$40.

391 3. General occupational licenses: general employees with  
392 access to the jockeys' room, the drivers' room, racing animals,  
393 the backside of a racetrack or players' quarters in jai alai,  
394 such as grooms, ~~kennel helpers~~, leadouts, pelota makers, cesta  
395 makers, or ball boys, or a practitioner of any other occupation  
396 who would have access to the animals or, the backside, ~~or the~~  
397 ~~kennel compound~~, or who would provide the security or  
398 maintenance of these areas, or mutuel employees, totalisator  
399 employees, money-room employees, or any employee with access to  
400 mutuels machines, the money room, or totalisator equipment or  
401 who would provide the security or maintenance of these areas:  
402 \$10.

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

409 (b) The division shall adopt rules pertaining to pari-  
410 mutuel occupational licenses, licensing periods, and renewal  
411 cycles.

412 (9) The tax imposed by this section is in lieu of all  
413 license, excise, or occupational taxes to the state or any  
414 county, municipality, or other political subdivision, except  
415 that, if a race meeting or game is held or conducted in a  
416 municipality, the municipality may assess and collect an



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417 additional tax against any person conducting live racing or  
418 games within its corporate limits, which tax may not exceed \$150  
419 per day for horseracing or \$50 per day for ~~dogracing~~ or jai  
420 alai. Except as provided in this chapter, a municipality may not  
421 assess or collect any additional excise or revenue tax against  
422 any person conducting race meetings within the corporate limits  
423 of the municipality or against any patron of any such person.

424 Section 15. Section 550.1155, Florida Statutes, is amended  
425 to read:

426 550.1155 Authority of stewards, judges, panel of judges, or  
427 player's manager to impose penalties against occupational  
428 licensees; disposition of funds collected.-

429 (1) The stewards at a horse racetrack; ~~the judges at a dog~~  
430 ~~track;~~ or the judges, a panel of judges, or a player's manager  
431 at a jai alai fronton may impose a civil penalty against any  
432 occupational licensee for violation of the pari-mutuel laws or  
433 any rule adopted by the division. The penalty may not exceed  
434 \$1,000 for each count or separate offense or exceed 60 days of  
435 suspension for each count or separate offense.

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





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446 Section 16. Section 550.1647, Florida Statutes, is amended  
447 to read:

448 550.1647 Greyhound permitholders; unclaimed tickets;  
449 breaks.—All money or other property represented by any  
450 unclaimed, uncashed, or abandoned pari-mutuel ticket which has  
451 remained in the custody of or under the control of any greyhound  
452 permitholder authorized to conduct ~~greyhound racing~~ pari-mutuel  
453 wagering pools in this state for a period of 1 year after the  
454 date the pari-mutuel ticket was issued, if the rightful owner or  
455 owners thereof have made no claim or demand for such money or  
456 other property within that period of time, shall, ~~with respect~~  
457 ~~to live races conducted by the permitholder,~~ be remitted to the  
458 state pursuant to s. 550.1645; however, such permitholder shall  
459 be entitled to a credit in each state fiscal year in an amount  
460 equal to the actual amount remitted in the prior state fiscal  
461 year which may be applied against any taxes imposed pursuant to  
462 this chapter. In addition, each permitholder shall pay, from any  
463 source, ~~including the proceeds from performances conducted~~  
464 ~~pursuant to s. 550.0351,~~ an amount not less than 10 percent of  
465 the amount of the credit provided by this section to any bona  
466 fide organization that promotes or encourages the adoption of  
467 greyhounds. As used in this chapter, the term "bona fide  
468 organization that promotes or encourages the adoption of  
469 greyhounds" means any organization that provides evidence of  
470 compliance with chapter 496 and possesses a valid exemption from  
471 federal taxation issued by the Internal Revenue Service. Such  
472 bona fide organization, as a condition of adoption, must provide  
473 sterilization of greyhounds by a licensed veterinarian before  
474 relinquishing custody of the greyhound to the adopter. The fee



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475 for sterilization may be included in the cost of adoption.

476 Section 17. Section 550.1648, Florida Statutes, is  
477 repealed.

478 Section 18. Section 550.175, Florida Statutes, is amended  
479 to read:

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

503 Section 19. Subsection (1) of section 550.1815, Florida



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504 Statutes, is amended to read:

505       550.1815 Certain persons prohibited from holding racing or  
506 jai alai permits; suspension and revocation.—

507       (1) A corporation, general or limited partnership, sole  
508 proprietorship, business trust, joint venture, or unincorporated  
509 association, or other business entity may not hold any  
510 horseracing or greyhound ~~dogracing~~ permit or jai alai fronton  
511 permit in this state if any one of the persons or entities  
512 specified in paragraph (a) has been determined by the division  
513 not to be of good moral character or has been convicted of any  
514 offense specified in paragraph (b).

515       (a)1. The permitholder;

516       2. An employee of the permitholder;

517       3. The sole proprietor of the permitholder;

518       4. A corporate officer or director of the permitholder;

519       5. A general partner of the permitholder;

520       6. A trustee of the permitholder;

521       7. A member of an unincorporated association permitholder;

522       8. A joint venturer of the permitholder;

523       9. The owner of more than 5 percent of any equity interest  
524 in the permitholder, whether as a common shareholder, general or  
525 limited partner, voting trustee, or trust beneficiary; or

526       10. An owner of any interest in the permit or permitholder,  
527 including any immediate family member of the owner, or holder of  
528 any debt, mortgage, contract, or concession from the  
529 permitholder, who by virtue thereof is able to control the  
530 business of the permitholder.

531       (b)1. A felony in this state;

532       2. Any felony in any other state which would be a felony if



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533 committed in this state under the laws of this state;  
534 3. Any felony under the laws of the United States;  
535 4. A felony under the laws of another state if related to  
536 gambling which would be a felony under the laws of this state if  
537 committed in this state; or  
538 5. Bookmaking as defined in s. 849.25.  
539 Section 20. Subsection (2) of section 550.24055, Florida  
540 Statutes, is amended to read:  
541 550.24055 Use of controlled substances or alcohol  
542 prohibited; testing of certain occupational licensees; penalty;  
543 evidence of test or action taken and admissibility for criminal  
544 prosecution limited.—  
545 (2) The occupational licensees, by applying for and holding  
546 such licenses, are deemed to have given their consents to submit  
547 to an approved chemical test of their breath for the purpose of  
548 determining the alcoholic content of their blood and to a urine  
549 or blood test for the purpose of detecting the presence of  
550 controlled substances. Such tests shall only be conducted upon  
551 reasonable cause that a violation has occurred as shall be  
552 determined solely by the stewards at a horseracing meeting or  
553 the judges or board of judges at a ~~dog track~~ or jai alai meet.  
554 The failure to submit to such test may result in a suspension of  
555 the person's occupational license for a period of 10 days or  
556 until this section has been complied with, whichever is longer.  
557 (a) If there was at the time of the test 0.05 percent or  
558 less by weight of alcohol in the person's blood, the person is  
559 presumed not to have been under the influence of alcoholic  
560 beverages to the extent that the person's normal faculties were  
561 impaired, and no action of any sort may be taken by the



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562 stewards, judges, or board of judges or the division.

563 (b) If there was at the time of the test an excess of 0.05  
564 percent but less than 0.08 percent by weight of alcohol in the  
565 person's blood, that fact does not give rise to any presumption  
566 that the person was or was not under the influence of alcoholic  
567 beverages to the extent that the person's faculties were  
568 impaired, but the stewards, judges, or board of judges may  
569 consider that fact in determining whether or not the person will  
570 be allowed to officiate or participate in any given race or jai  
571 alai game.

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

580  
581 All tests relating to alcohol must be performed in a manner  
582 substantially similar, or identical, to the provisions of s.  
583 316.1934 and rules adopted pursuant to that section. Following a  
584 test of the urine or blood to determine the presence of a  
585 controlled substance as defined in chapter 893, if a controlled  
586 substance is found to exist, the stewards, judges, or board of  
587 judges may take such action as is permitted in this section.

588 Section 21. Paragraph (d) of subsection (5), paragraphs (b)  
589 and (c) of subsection (6), paragraph (a) of subsection (9), and  
590 subsection (13) of section 550.2415, Florida Statutes, are



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591 amended to read:

592 550.2415 Racing of animals under certain conditions  
593 prohibited; penalties; exceptions.—

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

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

601 (6)

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

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

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

619 ~~(13) The division may implement by rule medication levels~~



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620 ~~for racing greyhounds recommended by the University of Florida~~  
621 ~~College of Veterinary Medicine developed pursuant to an~~  
622 ~~agreement between the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering and the~~  
623 ~~University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. The~~  
624 ~~University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine may provide~~  
625 ~~written notification to the division that it has completed~~  
626 ~~research or review on a particular drug pursuant to the~~  
627 ~~agreement and when the College of Veterinary Medicine has~~  
628 ~~completed a final report of its findings, conclusions, and~~  
629 ~~recommendations to the division.~~

630 Section 22. Subsection (1) of section 550.26165, Florida  
631 Statutes, is amended to read:

632 550.26165 Breeders' awards.—

633 (1) The purpose of this section is to encourage the  
634 agricultural activity of breeding and training racehorses in  
635 this state. Moneys dedicated in this chapter for use as  
636 breeders' awards and stallion awards are to be used for awards  
637 to breeders of registered Florida-bred horses winning horseraces  
638 and for similar awards to the owners of stallions who sired  
639 Florida-bred horses winning stakes races, if the stallions are  
640 registered as Florida stallions standing in this state. Such  
641 awards shall be given at a uniform rate to all winners of the  
642 awards, shall not be greater than 20 percent of the announced  
643 gross purse, and shall not be less than 15 percent of the  
644 announced gross purse if funds are available. In addition, no  
645 less than 17 percent nor more than 40 percent, as determined by  
646 the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, of the moneys  
647 dedicated in this chapter for use as breeders' awards and  
648 stallion awards for thoroughbreds shall be returned pro rata to



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649 the permitholders that generated the moneys for special racing  
650 awards to be distributed by the permitholders to owners of  
651 thoroughbred horses participating in prescribed thoroughbred  
652 stakes races, nonstakes races, or both, all in accordance with a  
653 written agreement establishing the rate, procedure, and  
654 eligibility requirements for such awards entered into by the  
655 permitholder, the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' Association,  
656 and the Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective  
657 Association, Inc., except that the plan for the distribution by  
658 any permitholder located in the area described in s. 550.615(8)  
659 ~~s. 550.615(9)~~ shall be agreed upon by that permitholder, the  
660 Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, and the association  
661 representing a majority of the thoroughbred racehorse owners and  
662 trainers at that location. Awards for thoroughbred races are to  
663 be paid through the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' Association,  
664 and awards for standardbred races are to be paid through the  
665 Florida Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association. Among  
666 other sources specified in this chapter, moneys for thoroughbred  
667 breeders' awards will come from the 0.955 percent of handle for  
668 thoroughbred races conducted, received, broadcast, or simulcast  
669 under this chapter as provided in s. 550.2625(3). The moneys for  
670 quarter horse and harness breeders' awards will come from the  
671 breaks and uncashed tickets on live quarter horse and harness  
672 racing performances and 1 percent of handle on intertrack  
673 wagering. The funds for these breeders' awards shall be paid to  
674 the respective breeders' associations by the permitholders  
675 conducting the races.

676 Section 23. Subsection (8) of section 550.334, Florida  
677 Statutes, is amended to read:





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678 550.334 Quarter horse racing; substitutions.—

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

682 Section 24. Paragraphs (a) and (e) of subsection (2) and  
683 subsection (3) of section 550.3345, Florida Statutes, are  
684 amended to read:

685 550.3345 Conversion of quarter horse permit to a limited  
686 thoroughbred permit.—

687 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the holder  
688 of a quarter horse racing permit issued under s. 550.334 may,  
689 within 1 year after the effective date of this section, apply to  
690 the division for a transfer of the quarter horse racing permit  
691 to a not-for-profit corporation formed under state law to serve  
692 the purposes of the state as provided in subsection (1). The  
693 board of directors of the not-for-profit corporation must be  
694 comprised of 11 members, 4 of whom shall be designated by the  
695 applicant, 4 of whom shall be designated by the Florida  
696 Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, and 3 of whom shall be  
697 designated by the other 8 directors, with at least 1 of these 3  
698 members being an authorized representative of another  
699 thoroughbred permitholder in this state. The not-for-profit  
700 corporation shall submit an application to the division for  
701 review and approval of the transfer in accordance with s.  
702 550.054. Upon approval of the transfer by the division, and  
703 notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the  
704 not-for-profit corporation may, within 1 year after its receipt  
705 of the permit, request that the division convert the quarter  
706 horse racing permit to a permit authorizing the holder to



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707 conduct pari-mutuel wagering meets of thoroughbred racing.  
708 Neither the transfer of the quarter horse racing permit nor its  
709 conversion to a limited thoroughbred permit shall be subject to  
710 the mileage limitation or the ratification election as set forth  
711 under s. 550.054(2) or s. 550.0651. Upon receipt of the request  
712 for such conversion, the division shall timely issue a converted  
713 permit. The converted permit and the not-for-profit corporation  
714 shall be subject to the following requirements:

715 (a) All net revenues derived by the not-for-profit  
716 corporation under the thoroughbred horse racing permit and any  
717 license issued to the not-for-profit corporation under chapter  
718 849, after the funding of operating expenses and capital  
719 improvements, shall be dedicated to the enhancement of  
720 thoroughbred purses and breeders', stallion, and special racing  
721 awards under this chapter; the general promotion of the  
722 thoroughbred horse breeding industry; and the care in this state  
723 of thoroughbred horses retired from racing.

724 (e) A ~~Ne~~ permit converted under this section and a license  
725 issued to the not-for-profit corporation under chapter 849 are  
726 not is eligible for transfer to another person or entity.

727 (3) Unless otherwise provided in this section, after  
728 conversion, the permit and the not-for-profit corporation shall  
729 be treated under the laws of this state as a thoroughbred permit  
730 and as a thoroughbred permitholder, respectively, with the  
731 exception of ss. 550.09515(3) and 550.6308 ~~s. 550.09515(3)~~.

732 Section 25. Subsections (2) and (4), paragraphs (a) and (b)  
733 of subsection (6), and subsection (11) of section 550.3551,  
734 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

735 550.3551 Transmission of racing and jai alai information;



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736 commingling of pari-mutuel pools.-

737 (2) Any horse track, ~~dog track,~~ or fronton licensed under  
738 this chapter may transmit broadcasts of races or games conducted  
739 at the enclosure of the licensee to locations outside this  
740 state.

741 (a) All broadcasts of horseraces transmitted to locations  
742 outside this state must comply with the provisions of the  
743 Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978, 92 Stat. 1811, 15 U.S.C. ss.  
744 3001 et seq.

745 (b) Wagers accepted by any out-of-state pari-mutuel  
746 permitholder or licensed betting system on a race broadcasted  
747 under this subsection may be, but are not required to be,  
748 included in the pari-mutuel pools of the horse track in this  
749 state that broadcasts the race upon which wagers are accepted.  
750 The handle, as referred to in s. 550.0951(3), does not include  
751 any wagers accepted by an out-of-state pari-mutuel permitholder  
752 or licensed betting system, irrespective of whether such wagers  
753 are included in the pari-mutuel pools of the Florida  
754 permitholder as authorized by this subsection.

755 (4) Any greyhound permitholder or jai alai permitholder ~~dog~~  
756 ~~track or fronton~~ licensed under this chapter may receive at its  
757 licensed location broadcasts of dograces or jai alai games  
758 conducted at other tracks or frontons located outside the state  
759 ~~at the track enclosure of the licensee during its operational~~  
760 ~~meeting~~. All forms of pari-mutuel wagering are allowed on  
761 dograces or jai alai games broadcast under this subsection. All  
762 money wagered by patrons on dograces broadcast under this  
763 subsection shall be computed in the amount of money wagered each  
764 performance for purposes of taxation under ss. 550.0951 and



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765 550.09511.

766 (6) (a) ~~A maximum of 20 percent of the total number of races~~  
767 ~~on which wagers are accepted by a greyhound permitholder not~~  
768 ~~located as specified in s. 550.615(6) may be received from~~  
769 ~~locations outside this state. A permitholder conducting live~~  
770 ~~races or games~~ may not conduct fewer than eight live races or  
771 games on any authorized race day except as provided in this  
772 subsection. A thoroughbred permitholder that elects to conduct  
773 live racing may not conduct fewer than eight live races on any  
774 race day without the written approval of the Florida  
775 Thoroughbred Breeders' Association and the Florida Horsemen's  
776 Benevolent and Protective Association, Inc., unless it is  
777 determined by the department that another entity represents a  
778 majority of the thoroughbred racehorse owners and trainers in  
779 the state. If conducting live racing, a harness permitholder may  
780 conduct fewer than eight live races on any authorized race day~~7~~  
781 ~~except that such permitholder must conduct a full schedule of~~  
782 ~~live racing during its race meet consisting of at least eight~~  
783 ~~live races per authorized race day for at least 100 days. Any~~  
784 harness horse permitholder ~~that during the preceding racing~~  
785 ~~season conducted a full schedule of live racing may, at any time~~  
786 ~~during its current race meet,~~ receive full-card broadcasts of  
787 harness horse races conducted at harness racetracks outside this  
788 state at the harness track of the permitholder and accept wagers  
789 on such harness races. ~~With specific authorization from the~~  
790 ~~division for special racing events, a permitholder may conduct~~  
791 ~~fewer than eight live races or games when the permitholder also~~  
792 ~~broadcasts out-of-state races or games. The division may not~~  
793 ~~grant more than two such exceptions a year for a permitholder in~~



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794 ~~any 12-month period, and those two exceptions may not be~~  
795 ~~consecutive.~~

796 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,  
797 any harness horse permitholder accepting broadcasts of out-of-  
798 state harness horse races when such permitholder is not  
799 conducting live races must make the out-of-state signal  
800 available to all permitholders eligible to conduct intertrack  
801 wagering and shall pay to guest tracks located as specified in  
802 ss. 550.615(5) and 550.6305(9) (d) ~~ss. 550.615(6) and~~  
803 ~~550.6305(9) (d)~~ 50 percent of the net proceeds after taxes and  
804 fees to the out-of-state host track on harness race wagers which  
805 they accept. A harness horse permitholder shall be required to  
806 pay into its purse account 50 percent of the net income retained  
807 by the permitholder on account of wagering on the out-of-state  
808 broadcasts received pursuant to this subsection. Nine-tenths of  
809 a percent of all harness wagering proceeds on the broadcasts  
810 received pursuant to this subsection shall be paid to the  
811 Florida Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association under the  
812 provisions of s. 550.2625(4) for the purposes provided therein.

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

817 Section 26. Subsections (1) and (3) through (6) of section  
818 550.3615, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

819 550.3615 Bookmaking on the grounds of a permitholder;  
820 penalties; reinstatement; duties of track employees; penalty;  
821 exceptions.—

822 (1) Any person who engages in bookmaking, as defined in s.



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823 849.25, on the grounds or property of a pari-mutuel facility  
824 commits ~~permitholder of a horse or dog track or jai alai fronton~~  
825 ~~is guilty of~~ a felony of the third degree, punishable as  
826 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

827 Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 948.01, any person  
828 convicted under the provisions of this subsection shall not have  
829 adjudication of guilt suspended, deferred, or withheld.

830 (3) Any person who has been convicted of bookmaking in this  
831 state or any other state of the United States or any foreign  
832 country shall be denied admittance to and shall not attend any  
833 pari-mutuel facility ~~racetrack or fronton~~ in this state during  
834 its racing seasons or operating dates, including any practice or  
835 preparational days, for a period of 2 years after the date of  
836 conviction or the date of final appeal. Following the conclusion  
837 of the period of ineligibility, the director of the division may  
838 authorize the reinstatement of an individual following a hearing  
839 on readmittance. Any such person who knowingly violates this  
840 subsection commits ~~is guilty of~~ a misdemeanor of the first  
841 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

842 (4) If the activities of a person show that this law is  
843 being violated, and such activities are either witnessed by or  
844 are common knowledge of ~~by~~ any pari-mutuel facility ~~track or~~  
845 ~~fronton~~ employee, it is the duty of that employee to bring the  
846 matter to the immediate attention of the permitholder, manager,  
847 or her or his designee, who shall notify a law enforcement  
848 agency having jurisdiction. Willful failure by the pari-mutuel  
849 facility ~~on the part of any track or fronton~~ employee to comply  
850 with the provisions of this subsection is a ground for the  
851 division to suspend or revoke that employee's license for pari-



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852 mutuel facility ~~track or fronton~~ employment.

853 (5) Each permittee shall display, in conspicuous places at  
854 a pari-mutuel facility ~~track or fronton~~ and in all race and jai  
855 alai daily programs, a warning to all patrons concerning the  
856 prohibition and penalties of bookmaking contained in this  
857 section and s. 849.25. The division shall adopt rules concerning  
858 the uniform size of all warnings and the number of placements  
859 throughout a pari-mutuel facility ~~track or fronton~~. Failure on  
860 the part of the permittee to display such warnings may result in  
861 the imposition of a \$500 fine by the division for each offense.

862 (6) This section does not apply to any person ~~attending a~~  
863 ~~track or fronton~~ or employed by or attending a pari-mutuel  
864 facility ~~a track or fronton~~ who places a bet through the  
865 legalized pari-mutuel pool for another person, provided such  
866 service is rendered gratuitously and without fee or other  
867 reward.

868 Section 27. Effective October 1, 2021, section 550.3616,  
869 Florida Statutes, is created to read:

870 550.3616 Racing greyhounds or other dogs prohibited;  
871 penalty.—A person authorized to conduct gaming or pari-mutuel  
872 operations in this state may not race greyhounds or any member  
873 of the *Canis familiaris* subspecies in connection with any wager  
874 for money or any other thing of value in this state. A person  
875 who violates this section commits a misdemeanor of the first  
876 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. A  
877 person who commits a second or subsequent violation commits a  
878 felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.  
879 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. Notwithstanding the  
880 provisions of s. 948.01, any person convicted under this section



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881 may not have adjudication of guilt suspended, deferred, or  
882 withheld.

883 Section 28. Section 550.475, Florida Statutes, is amended  
884 to read:

885 550.475 Lease of pari-mutuel facilities by pari-mutuel  
886 permitholders.—Holders of valid pari-mutuel permits for the  
887 conduct of any pari-mutuel wagering jai alai games, dogracing,  
888 ~~or thoroughbred and standardbred horse racing~~ in this state are  
889 entitled to lease any and all of their facilities to any other  
890 holder of a same class valid pari-mutuel permit ~~for jai alai~~  
891 ~~games, dogracing, or thoroughbred or standardbred horse racing,~~  
892 when located within a 35-mile radius of each other; and such  
893 lessee is entitled to a permit and license to conduct intertrack  
894 wagering and operate its race meet or jai alai games at the  
895 leased premises.

896 Section 29. Subsection (2) of section 550.5251, Florida  
897 Statutes, is amended to read:

898 550.5251 Florida thoroughbred racing; certain permits;  
899 operating days.—

900 ~~(2) A thoroughbred racing permitholder may not begin any~~  
901 ~~race later than 7 p.m. Any thoroughbred permitholder in a county~~  
902 ~~in which the authority for cardrooms has been approved by the~~  
903 ~~board of county commissioners may operate a cardroom and, when~~  
904 ~~conducting live races during its current race meet, may receive~~  
905 ~~and rebroadcast out-of-state races after the hour of 7 p.m. on~~  
906 ~~any day during which the permitholder conducts live races.~~

907 Section 30. Present subsections (3) through (10) of section  
908 550.615, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (2)  
909 through (9), respectively, subsections (1) and (2) and present





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910 subsections (6) and (8) of that section are amended, and a new  
911 subsection (10) is added to that section, to read:

912 550.615 Intertrack wagering.—

913 (1) A pari-mutuel permitholder that has met the applicable  
914 requirement for that permitholder to conduct live racing or  
915 games under s. 550.01215(1)(b), if any, for fiscal year 2020-  
916 2021 ~~Any horserace permitholder licensed under this chapter~~  
917 ~~which has conducted a full schedule of live racing may, at any~~  
918 ~~time, receive broadcasts of horseraces and accept wagers on~~  
919 ~~horseraces conducted by horserace permitholders licensed under~~  
920 ~~this chapter at its facility.~~

921 ~~(2) Any track or fronton licensed under this chapter which~~  
922 ~~in the preceding year conducted a full schedule of live racing~~  
923 is qualified to, at any time, receive broadcasts of any class of  
924 pari-mutuel race or game and accept wagers on such races or  
925 games conducted by any class of permitholders licensed under  
926 this chapter.

927 (5) ~~(6)~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2)  
928 ~~(3)~~, in any area of the state where there are three or more  
929 horserace permitholders within 25 miles of each other,  
930 intertrack wagering between permitholders in said area of the  
931 state shall only be authorized under the following conditions:  
932 Any permitholder, other than a thoroughbred permitholder, may  
933 accept intertrack wagers on races or games conducted live by a  
934 permitholder of the same class or any harness permitholder  
935 located within such area and any harness permitholder may accept  
936 wagers on games conducted live by any jai alai permitholder  
937 located within its market area and from a jai alai permitholder  
938 located within the area specified in this subsection when no jai



939 alai permitholder located within its market area is conducting  
940 live jai alai performances; any greyhound or jai alai  
941 permitholder may receive broadcasts of and accept wagers on any  
942 permitholder of the other class provided that a permitholder,  
943 other than the host track, of such other class is not operating  
944 a contemporaneous live performance within the market area.

945 (7)-(8) In any three contiguous counties of the state where  
946 there are only three permitholders, all of which are greyhound  
947 permitholders, if any permitholder leases the facility of  
948 another permitholder for all or any portion of the conduct of  
949 its live race meet pursuant to s. 550.475, such lessee may  
950 conduct intertrack wagering at its pre-lease permitted facility  
951 throughout the entire year, ~~including while its live meet is~~  
952 ~~being conducted at the leased facility, if such permitholder has~~  
953 ~~conducted a full schedule of live racing during the preceding~~  
954 ~~fiscal year at its pre-lease permitted facility or at a leased~~  
955 ~~facility, or combination thereof.~~

956 (10) Any greyhound permitholder licensed under this chapter  
957 to conduct pari-mutuel wagering is qualified to, at any time,  
958 receive broadcasts of any class of pari-mutuel race or game and  
959 accept wagers on such races or games conducted by any class of  
960 permitholders licensed under this chapter.

961 Section 31. Subsection (2) and paragraph (g) of subsection  
962 (9) of section 550.6305, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:  
963 550.6305 Intertrack wagering; guest track payments;  
964 accounting rules.—

965 (2) For the purposes of calculation of odds and payoffs and  
966 distribution of the pari-mutuel pools, all intertrack wagers  
967 shall be combined with the pari-mutuel pools at the host track.



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968 ~~Notwithstanding this subsection or subsection (4), a greyhound~~  
969 ~~pari-mutuel permitholder may conduct intertrack wagering without~~  
970 ~~combining pari-mutuel pools on not more than three races in any~~  
971 ~~week, not to exceed 20 races in a year. All other provisions~~  
972 ~~concerning pari-mutuel takeout and payments, including state tax~~  
973 ~~payments, apply as if the pool had been combined.~~

974 (9) A host track that has contracted with an out-of-state  
975 horse track to broadcast live races conducted at such out-of-  
976 state horse track pursuant to s. 550.3551(5) may broadcast such  
977 out-of-state races to any guest track and accept wagers thereon  
978 in the same manner as is provided in s. 550.3551.

979 (g)1. Any thoroughbred permitholder which accepts wagers on  
980 a simulcast signal must make the signal available to any  
981 permitholder that is eligible to conduct intertrack wagering  
982 under the provisions of ss. 550.615-550.6345.

983 2. Any thoroughbred permitholder which accepts wagers on a  
984 simulcast signal received after 6 p.m. must make such signal  
985 available to any permitholder that is eligible to conduct  
986 intertrack wagering under the provisions of ss. 550.615-  
987 550.6345, including any permitholder located as specified in s.  
988 550.615(5) ~~s. 550.615(6)~~. Such guest permitholders are  
989 authorized to accept wagers on such simulcast signal,  
990 notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the  
991 contrary.

992 3. Any thoroughbred permitholder which accepts wagers on a  
993 simulcast signal received after 6 p.m. must make such signal  
994 available to any permitholder that is eligible to conduct  
995 intertrack wagering under the provisions of ss. 550.615-  
996 550.6345, ~~including any permitholder located as specified in s.~~



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997 ~~550.615(9)~~. Such guest permitholders are authorized to accept  
998 wagers on such simulcast signals for a number of performances  
999 not to exceed that which constitutes a full schedule of live  
1000 races for a quarter horse permitholder pursuant to s.  
1001 550.002(11), notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter  
1002 to the contrary, ~~except that the restrictions provided in s.~~  
1003 ~~550.615(9) (a) apply to wagers on such simulcast signals.~~

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1005 No thoroughbred permitholder shall be required to continue to  
1006 rebroadcast a simulcast signal to any in-state permitholder if  
1007 the average per performance gross receipts returned to the host  
1008 permitholder over the preceding 30-day period were less than  
1009 \$100. Subject to the provisions of s. 550.615(3) ~~s. 550.615(4)~~,  
1010 as a condition of receiving rebroadcasts of thoroughbred  
1011 simulcast signals under this paragraph, a guest permitholder  
1012 must accept intertrack wagers on all live races conducted by all  
1013 then-operating thoroughbred permitholders.

1014 Section 32. Subsections (1), (4), and (5) of section  
1015 550.6308, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1016 550.6308 Limited intertrack wagering license.—In  
1017 recognition of the economic importance of the thoroughbred  
1018 breeding industry to this state, its positive impact on tourism,  
1019 and of the importance of a permanent thoroughbred sales facility  
1020 as a key focal point for the activities of the industry, a  
1021 limited license to conduct intertrack wagering is established to  
1022 ensure the continued viability and public interest in  
1023 thoroughbred breeding in Florida.

1024 (1) Upon application to the division on or before January  
1025 31 of each year, any person that is licensed to conduct public



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1026 sales of thoroughbred horses pursuant to s. 535.01 ~~and~~, that has  
1027 conducted at least 8 ~~15~~ days of thoroughbred horse sales at a  
1028 permanent sales facility in this state for at least 3  
1029 consecutive years, ~~and that has conducted at least 1 day of~~  
1030 ~~nonwagering thoroughbred racing in this state, with a purse~~  
1031 ~~structure of at least \$250,000 per year for 2 consecutive years~~  
1032 before such application, shall be issued a license, subject to  
1033 the conditions set forth in this section, to conduct intertrack  
1034 wagering at such a permanent sales facility ~~during the following~~  
1035 ~~periods:~~

- 1036 ~~(a) Up to 21 days in connection with thoroughbred sales;~~  
1037 ~~(b) Between November 1 and May 8;~~  
1038 ~~(c) Between May 9 and October 31 at such times and on such~~  
1039 ~~days as any thoroughbred, jai alai, or a greyhound permitholder~~  
1040 ~~in the same county is not conducting live performances; provided~~  
1041 ~~that any such permitholder may waive this requirement, in whole~~  
1042 ~~or in part, and allow the licensee under this section to conduct~~  
1043 ~~intertrack wagering during one or more of the permitholder's~~  
1044 ~~live performances; and~~  
1045 ~~(d) During the weekend of the Kentucky Derby, the~~  
1046 ~~Preakness, the Belmont, and a Breeders' Cup Meet that is~~  
1047 ~~conducted before November 1 and after May 8.~~

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1049 No more than one such license may be issued, and no such license  
1050 may be issued for a facility located within 50 miles of any  
1051 thoroughbred permitholder's track.

1052 ~~(4) Intertrack wagering under this section may be conducted~~  
1053 ~~only on thoroughbred horse racing, except that intertrack~~  
1054 ~~wagering may be conducted on any class of pari-mutuel race or~~



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1055 ~~game conducted by any class of permit holders licensed under this~~  
1056 ~~chapter if all thoroughbred, jai alai, and greyhound~~  
1057 ~~permit holders in the same county as the licensee under this~~  
1058 ~~section give their consent.~~

1059       ~~(5) The licensee shall be considered a guest track under~~  
1060 ~~this chapter. The licensee shall pay 2.5 percent of the total~~  
1061 ~~contributions to the daily pari-mutuel pool on wagers accepted~~  
1062 ~~at the licensee's facility on greyhound races or jai alai games~~  
1063 ~~to the thoroughbred permit holder that is conducting live races~~  
1064 ~~for purses to be paid during its current racing meet. If more~~  
1065 ~~than one thoroughbred permit holder is conducting live races on a~~  
1066 ~~day during which the licensee is conducting intertrack wagering~~  
1067 ~~on greyhound races or jai alai games, the licensee shall~~  
1068 ~~allocate these funds between the operating thoroughbred~~  
1069 ~~permit holders on a pro rata basis based on the total live handle~~  
1070 ~~at the operating permit holders' facilities.~~

1071       Section 33. Subsection (4) of section 551.114, Florida  
1072 Statutes, is amended to read:

1073       551.114 Slot machine gaming areas.—

1074       (4) Designated slot machine gaming areas must ~~may~~ be  
1075 located at the address specified in the licensed permit holder's  
1076 slot machine license issued for fiscal year 2020-2021 ~~within the~~  
1077 ~~current live gaming facility or in an existing building that~~  
1078 ~~must be contiguous and connected to the live gaming facility. If~~  
1079 ~~a designated slot machine gaming area is to be located in a~~  
1080 ~~building that is to be constructed, that new building must be~~  
1081 ~~contiguous and connected to the live gaming facility.~~

1082       Section 34. Section 551.116, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1083 to read:



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1084           551.116 Days and hours of operation.—Slot machine gaming  
1085 areas may be open 24 hours per day ~~daily~~ throughout the year.  
1086 ~~The slot machine gaming areas may be open a cumulative amount of~~  
1087 ~~18 hours per day on Monday through Friday and 24 hours per day~~  
1088 ~~on Saturday and Sunday and on those holidays specified in s.~~  
1089 ~~110.117(1).~~

1090           Section 35. Subsection (1) of section 551.121, Florida  
1091 Statutes, is amended to read:

1092           551.121 Prohibited activities and devices; exceptions.—

1093           ~~(1) Complimentary or reduced cost alcoholic beverages may~~  
1094 ~~not be served to persons playing a slot machine. Alcoholic~~  
1095 ~~beverages served to persons playing a slot machine shall cost at~~  
1096 ~~least the same amount as alcoholic beverages served to the~~  
1097 ~~general public at a bar within the facility.~~

1098           Section 36. Subsection (5) of section 565.02, Florida  
1099 Statutes, is amended to read:

1100           565.02 License fees; vendors; clubs; caterers; and others.—

1101           (5) A caterer at a pari-mutuel facility licensed under  
1102 chapter 550 ~~horse or dog racetrack or jai alai fronton~~ may  
1103 obtain a license upon the payment of an annual state license tax  
1104 of \$675. Such caterer's license shall permit sales only within  
1105 the enclosure in which pari-mutuel wagering is conducted ~~such~~  
1106  ~~races or jai alai games are conducted, and such licensee shall~~  
1107  ~~be permitted to sell only during the period beginning 10 days~~  
1108  ~~before and ending 10 days after racing or jai alai under the~~  
1109 authority of the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering of the  
1110 Department of Business and Professional Regulation ~~is conducted~~  
1111  ~~at such racetrack or jai alai fronton. Except as in this~~  
1112 subsection otherwise provided, caterers licensed hereunder shall



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1113 be treated as vendors licensed to sell by the drink the  
1114 beverages mentioned herein and shall be subject to all the  
1115 provisions hereof relating to such vendors.

1116 Section 37. Subsection (5), paragraphs (a) and (b) of  
1117 subsection (7), and paragraph (d) of subsection (13) of section  
1118 849.086, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1119 849.086 Cardrooms authorized.—

1120 (5) LICENSE REQUIRED; APPLICATION; FEES.—No person may  
1121 operate a cardroom in this state unless such person holds a  
1122 valid cardroom license issued pursuant to this section.

1123 (a) Only those persons holding a valid cardroom license  
1124 issued by the division may operate a cardroom. A cardroom  
1125 license may only be issued to a licensed pari-mutuel  
1126 permitholder and an authorized cardroom may only be operated at  
1127 the same facility at which the permitholder is authorized under  
1128 its valid pari-mutuel wagering permit to conduct pari-mutuel  
1129 wagering activities. An initial cardroom license shall be issued  
1130 to a pari-mutuel permitholder only after its facilities are in  
1131 place and after it conducts its first day of pari-mutuel  
1132 activities on live racing or games.

1133 (b) After the initial cardroom license is granted, the  
1134 application for the annual license renewal shall be made in  
1135 conjunction with the applicant's annual application for its  
1136 pari-mutuel license. If a permitholder has operated a cardroom  
1137 during any of the 3 previous fiscal years and fails to include a  
1138 renewal request for the operation of the cardroom in its annual  
1139 application for license renewal, the permitholder may amend its  
1140 annual application to include operation of the cardroom.

1141 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a pari-





1142 mutuel permitholder, other than a permitholder issued a permit  
1143 pursuant to s. 550.3345, may not be issued a license for the  
1144 operation of a cardroom if the permitholder did not hold an  
1145 operating license for the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering for  
1146 fiscal year 2020-2021. In order for a cardroom license to be  
1147 renewed the applicant must have requested, as part of its pari-  
1148 mutuel annual license application, to conduct at least 90  
1149 percent of the total number of live performances conducted by  
1150 such permitholder during either the state fiscal year in which  
1151 its initial cardroom license was issued or the state fiscal year  
1152 immediately prior thereto if the permitholder ran at least a  
1153 full schedule of live racing or games in the prior year. ~~If the~~  
1154 ~~application is~~

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1156 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

1157 And the title is amended as follows:

1158       Delete lines 10 - 133

1159 and insert:

1160       permitholders, harness horse racing permitholders,  
1161       thoroughbred permitholders, and quarter horse racing  
1162       permitholders to elect not to conduct live racing or  
1163       games; specifying that certain permitholders that do  
1164       not conduct live racing or games retain their permit  
1165       and remain pari-mutuel facilities; specifying that, if  
1166       such permitholder has been issued a slot machine  
1167       license, the permitholder's facility remains an  
1168       eligible facility, continues to be eligible for a slot  
1169       machine license, is exempt from certain provisions of  
1170       ch. 551, F.S., is eligible to be a guest track, and,



1171 if the permitholder is a harness horse racing  
1172 permitholder, is eligible to be a host track for  
1173 intertrack wagering and simulcasting and remains  
1174 eligible for a cardroom license; prohibiting a  
1175 permitholder or licensee from conducting live  
1176 greyhound racing or dogracing in connection with any  
1177 wager for money or any other thing of value in the  
1178 state; providing administrative and civil penalties;  
1179 providing requirements for the funds generated from  
1180 such penalties; prohibiting operating licenses from  
1181 being issued to a pari-mutuel permitholder unless a  
1182 specified requirement is met; authorizing the Division  
1183 of Pari-mutuel Wagering to approve a change in racing  
1184 dates for certain permitholders if the request for a  
1185 change is received before a specified date and under  
1186 certain circumstances for a specified fiscal year;  
1187 deleting a provision authorizing the conversion of  
1188 certain permits to a jai alai permit under certain  
1189 circumstances; conforming provisions to changes made  
1190 by the act; amending s. 550.0235, F.S.; conforming  
1191 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.  
1192 550.0351, F.S.; deleting a provision relating to hound  
1193 dog derbies and mutt derbies; conforming provisions to  
1194 changes made by the act; amending s. 550.0425, F.S.;  
1195 deleting a provision authorizing certain minors to be  
1196 granted access to kennel compound areas under certain  
1197 circumstances; amending s. 550.054, F.S.; requiring  
1198 the division to revoke the permit of certain  
1199 permitholders; specifying such revoked permit is void



1200 and may not be reissued; revising requirements to hold  
1201 a permit for the operation of a pari-mutuel facility  
1202 and an associated cardroom or slot machine facility;  
1203 specifying certain permits held on a specified date  
1204 are deemed valid for specified purposes; prohibiting  
1205 new permits for the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering  
1206 from being issued after a specified date; prohibiting  
1207 a permit to conduct pari-mutuel wagering from being  
1208 converted to another class of permit; conforming  
1209 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.  
1210 550.0745, F.S.; authorizing summer jai alai  
1211 permitholders to conduct pari-mutuel wagering  
1212 throughout the year; deleting provisions relating to  
1213 the conversion of a pari-mutuel permit to a summer jai  
1214 alai permit; amending s. 550.0951, F.S.; conforming  
1215 cross-references; amending s. 550.09511, F.S.;  
1216 deleting a provision relating to the payment of  
1217 certain taxes and fees by jai alai permitholders  
1218 conducting fewer than a specified number of live  
1219 performances; amending s. 550.09512, F.S.; revising  
1220 the circumstances for which a harness horse  
1221 permitholder's permit is voided for failing to pay  
1222 certain taxes; prohibiting the reissue of such permit;  
1223 amending s. 550.09514, F.S.; conforming cross-  
1224 references; amending s. 550.09515, F.S.; conforming  
1225 provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss.  
1226 550.105, 550.1155, and 550.1647, F.S.; conforming  
1227 provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s.  
1228 550.1648, F.S., relating to greyhound adoptions;



1229 amending ss. 550.175, 550.1815, and 550.24055, F.S.;

1230 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;

1231 amending s. 550.2415, F.S.; deleting provisions

1232 relating to the testing, euthanasia, training, and

1233 medication levels of racing greyhounds; amending s.

1234 550.26165, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference;

1235 amending s. 550.334, F.S.; conforming provisions to

1236 changes made by the act; amending s. 550.3345, F.S.;

1237 requiring that net revenues derived from specified

1238 licenses issued to not-for-profit corporations be

1239 dedicated to certain purposes; prohibiting the

1240 transfer of such licenses; providing construction;

1241 amending s. 550.3551, F.S.; conforming provisions to

1242 changes made by the act; conforming a cross-reference;

1243 amending s. 550.3615, F.S.; conforming provisions to

1244 changes made by the act; prohibiting a person

1245 convicted of bookmaking from attending or being

1246 admitted to a pari-mutuel facility; requiring pari-

1247 mutuel facility employees to notify certain persons of

1248 unlawful activities; providing civil penalties;

1249 requiring a permittee to display certain warnings

1250 relating to bookmaking at his or her pari-mutuel

1251 facility; revising applicability; creating s.

1252 550.3616, F.S.; prohibiting persons authorized to

1253 conduct gaming or pari-mutuel operations in this state

1254 from racing greyhounds or other dogs in connection

1255 with any wager for money or thing of value; providing

1256 criminal penalties; prohibiting the suspension,

1257 deferment, or withholding of adjudication of guilt of



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1258 certain persons; amending s. 550.475, F.S.; revising  
1259 provisions relating to leasing pari-mutuel facilities;  
1260 amending s. 550.5251, F.S.; deleting a prohibition  
1261 against thoroughbred racing permitholders beginning  
1262 races after a specified time; deleting provisions  
1263 relating to the operation of cardrooms by thoroughbred  
1264 racing permitholders after a specified time and  
1265 receiving and rebroadcasting out-of-state races after  
1266 a specified time under certain circumstances; amending  
1267 s. 550.615, F.S.; revising requirements relating to  
1268 intertrack wagering; specifying that greyhound  
1269 permitholders are qualified to receive certain  
1270 broadcasts and accept specified wagers; amending s.  
1271 550.6305, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made  
1272 by the act; conforming cross-references; amending s.  
1273 550.6308, F.S.; revising requirements for a limited  
1274 intertrack wagering license; revising requirements for  
1275 intertrack wagering; deleting requirements for limited  
1276 intertrack wagering licensees to make specified  
1277 payments; amending s. 551.114, F.S.; revising  
1278 requirements for the location of designated slot  
1279 machine gaming areas; amending s. 551.116, F.S.;  
1280 authorizing slot machine gaming areas to be open 24  
1281 hours per day throughout the year; amending s.  
1282 551.121, F.S.; deleting a provision prohibiting  
1283 complimentary or reduced-cost alcoholic beverages to  
1284 be served to a person playing a slot machine; amending  
1285 s. 565.02, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made  
1286 by the act; amending s. 849.086, F.S.; prohibiting a



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cardroom license from being issued to certain  
permitholders;