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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Appropriations (Rouson) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 636 and 637  
insert:

Section 13. Subsection (3) of section 550.135, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

550.135 Division of moneys derived under this law.—All moneys that are deposited with the Chief Financial Officer to the credit of the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund shall be



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11 distributed as follows:

12 (3) The slot machine license fee ~~and~~ the slot machine  
13 occupational license fee, ~~and the compulsive or addictive~~  
14 ~~gambling prevention program fee~~ collected pursuant to ss.  
15 551.106 and 551.107(2)(a)1. ~~ss. 551.106, 551.107(2)(a)1., and~~  
16 ~~551.118~~ shall be used to fund the direct and indirect operating  
17 expenses of the division's slot machine regulation operations  
18 and to provide funding for relevant enforcement activities in  
19 accordance with authorized appropriations. Funds deposited into  
20 the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund pursuant to ss. 551.106 and  
21 551.107(2)(a)1. ~~ss. 551.106, 551.107(2)(a)1., and 551.118~~ shall  
22 be reserved in the trust fund for slot machine regulation  
23 operations. On June 30, any unappropriated funds in excess of  
24 those necessary for incurred obligations and subsequent year  
25 cash flow for slot machine regulation operations shall be  
26 deposited with the Chief Financial Officer to the credit of the  
27 General Revenue Fund.

28 (4) The annual fees collected pursuant to ss. 550.141 and  
29 551.118 shall be used to fund a compulsive and addictive  
30 gambling prevention program implemented by a provider selected  
31 by competitive bid as administered by the division and shall be  
32 deposited into the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund. Fees  
33 collected pursuant to ss. 550.141 and 551.118 may also be used  
34 by the commission to regularly conduct independent research  
35 studies relating to compulsive and addictive gambling behavior  
36 among youth, college students, adults, and senior citizens, by  
37 gaming discipline, and report any findings to the Governor and  
38 Legislature. On June 30, any unused funds collected from the  
39 fees pursuant to s. 550.141(5) and s. 551.118(3) shall be



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40 retained in the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund to be used to  
41 fund ongoing compulsive and addictive gambling prevention  
42 programs adopted and administered by the commission.

43 Section 14. Section 550.140, Florida Statutes, is created  
44 to read:

45 550.140 Legislative findings and intent.—

46 (1) The purpose of this section and s. 550.141 is to  
47 recognize the need for responsible wagering and gaming practices  
48 to help mitigate the adverse and detrimental impacts of  
49 compulsive and addictive gambling on the state.

50 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to protect the  
51 residents of this state from the hazards of compulsive and  
52 addictive gambling by establishing and implementing responsible  
53 gaming practices, awareness programs, and employee training and  
54 providing easy access to the help and resources for problem  
55 gambling available through the (888)-ADMIT-IT helpline.

56 (3) It is further the intent of the Legislature to not  
57 inhibit, or otherwise obstruct, medical or mental health  
58 research or Florida-based university studies, or other studies  
59 approved by the division, regarding the impacts of compulsive  
60 and addictive gambling on the state.

61 Section 15. Section 550.141, Florida Statutes, is created  
62 to read:

63 550.141 Compulsive and addictive gambling prevention  
64 program.—

65 (1) Each qualified pari-mutuel permit holder with a license  
66 issued pursuant to s. 550.01215, or any pari-mutuel permit holder  
67 who operates a cardroom pursuant to s. 849.086, shall  
68 participate in a compulsive and addictive gambling prevention



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69 program approved by the division. Each pari-mutuel permitholder  
70 required to participate in an approved prevention program shall:

71 (a) Provide responsible gaming awareness training to  
72 employees for the purpose of recognizing compulsive and  
73 addictive gambling behavior and work with a compulsive and  
74 addictive gambling prevention program administered by the  
75 commission to further the intent of this section.

76 (b) Display adequate signage in all public access areas of  
77 the permitholder's facilities that display words similar or  
78 comparable to "if you or someone you know has a gambling problem  
79 and wants help, call (888)-ADMIT-IT."

80 (c) Display the words "gambling problem" and "call (888)-  
81 ADMIT-IT" on all print, billboard, sign, online, or broadcast  
82 advertisements of a sports betting or fantasy sports contest, or  
83 other types of covered games offered online or via mobile or  
84 other electronic devices, or in a sports wagering room.

85 (2) The commission shall, subject to competitive bidding,  
86 contract for the provision of services related to the awareness  
87 and prevention of compulsive and addictive gambling pursuant to  
88 this section and s. 550.135(4). The contract shall provide for:

89 (a) A statewide advertising program to encourage  
90 responsible gaming participation.

91 (b) Publicizing (888)-ADMIT-IT, the confidential multi-  
92 lingual gambling prevention helpline.

93 (c) Implementing and administering a pari-mutuel employee  
94 responsible gambling training program to recognize compulsive  
95 and addictive gambling behavior.

96 (d) Supporting persons in need of assistance for a gambling  
97 problem.



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98           (e) A clearinghouse of information and provide referrals to  
99 persons seeking professional help for problems or addictive  
100 gambling behavior.

101           (f) The annual reporting of contract compliance, including  
102 the number of calls and online contacts received; the number of  
103 employee training programs administered for each pari-mutuel  
104 facility; and the number and type of advertising methods used to  
105 publicize the (888) ADMIT-IT helpline.

106           (3) For the purpose of funding a comprehensive statewide  
107 compulsive and addictive gambling awareness and prevention  
108 program, the commission shall collect from each pari-mutuel  
109 permitholder with a license issued pursuant to s. 550.01215 or  
110 pari-mutuel permitholder who operates a cardroom pursuant to s.  
111 849.086, an annual fee of .003 percent of each permitholder's  
112 gross revenues collected.

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

115 And the title is amended as follows:

116           Delete lines 71 - 72

117 and insert:

118           of such permit; amending ss. 550.105, 550.1155, F.S.;

119           conforming provisions to changes made by the act;

120           amending s. 550.135, F.S.; revising requirements for

121           the use of the compulsive or addictive gambling

122           prevention program fee; requiring specified fees be

123           used to fund a compulsive and addictive gambling

124           prevention program; providing requirements for the

125           deposit of such fees and the prevention program;

126           providing requirements for funds that are unused by a



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127 specified date; creating s. 550.140, F.S.; providing  
128 legislative findings and intent relating to compulsive  
129 and addictive gambling; creating s. 550.141, F.S.;  
130 requiring certain pari-mutuel permitholders to  
131 participate in a specified compulsive and addictive  
132 gambling prevention program; providing permitholder  
133 requirements; requiring the division to contract for  
134 the provision of specified services; providing  
135 contract requirements; amending s. 550.1647, F.S.;  
136 conforming provisions to changes made