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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u>      </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Industries & Professional  
 2 Activities Subcommittee

3 Representative Yeager offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 **Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section**

8 **550.01215, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

9 550.01215 License application; periods of operation;  
 10 license fees; bond.—

11 (1) Each permitholder shall annually, during the period  
 12 between January 15 and February 4, file in writing with the  
 13 commission its application for an operating license for a pari-  
 14 mutuel facility for the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering during  
 15 the next state fiscal year, including intertrack and simulcast  
 16 race wagering. Each application for live performances must

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17 specify the number, dates, and starting times of all live  
18 performances that the permitholder intends to conduct. It must  
19 also specify which performances will be conducted as charity or  
20 scholarship performances.

21 (b)1. A greyhound permitholder may not conduct live  
22 racing. A jai alai permitholder, thoroughbred permitholder,  
23 harness horse racing permitholder, or quarter horse racing  
24 permitholder may elect not to conduct live racing or games. A  
25 ~~thoroughbred permitholder must conduct live racing.~~ A greyhound  
26 permitholder, jai alai permitholder, thoroughbred permitholder,  
27 harness horse racing permitholder, or quarter horse racing  
28 permitholder that does not conduct live racing or games retains  
29 its permit; is a pari-mutuel facility as defined in s.  
30 550.002(23); if such permitholder has been issued a slot machine  
31 license, the facility where such permit is located remains an  
32 eligible facility as defined in s. 551.102(4), continues to be  
33 eligible for a slot machine license pursuant to s. 551.104(3),  
34 and is exempt from ss. 551.104(4)(c) ~~and~~ (10) and 551.114(2); is  
35 eligible, but not required, to be a guest track and, if the  
36 permitholder is a harness horse racing permitholder or a  
37 thoroughbred permitholder, to be a host track for purposes of  
38 intertrack wagering and simulcasting pursuant to ss. 550.3551,  
39 550.615, 550.625, and 550.6305; and remains eligible for a  
40 cardroom license.

41 2. A permitholder or licensee may not conduct live

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42 greyhound racing or dogracing in connection with any wager for  
43 money or any other thing of value in the state. The commission  
44 may deny, suspend, or revoke any permit or license under this  
45 chapter if a permitholder or licensee conducts live greyhound  
46 racing or dogracing in violation of this subparagraph. In  
47 addition to, or in lieu of, denial, suspension, or revocation of  
48 such permit or license, the commission may impose a civil  
49 penalty of up to \$5,000 against the permitholder or licensee for  
50 a violation of this subparagraph. All penalties imposed and  
51 collected must be deposited with the Chief Financial Officer to  
52 the credit of the General Revenue Fund.

53 **Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) and paragraphs**  
54 **(a), (b), and (c) of subsection (10) of section 551.104, Florida**  
55 **Statutes, are amended to read:**

56 551.104 License to conduct slot machine gaming.—

57 (4) As a condition of licensure and to maintain continued  
58 authority for the conduct of slot machine gaming, the slot  
59 machine licensee shall:

60 ~~(c) If a thoroughbred permitholder, conduct no fewer than~~  
61 ~~a full schedule of live racing or games as defined in s.~~  
62 ~~550.002(10). A permitholder's responsibility to conduct live~~  
63 ~~races or games shall be reduced by the number of races or games~~  
64 ~~that could not be conducted due to the direct result of fire,~~  
65 ~~strike, war, hurricane, pandemic, or other disaster or event~~  
66 ~~beyond the control of the permitholder.~~

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67 (10) (a)1. If a thoroughbred permitholder elects to conduct  
68 live racing, then no slot machine license or renewal thereof  
69 shall be issued to an applicant holding a permit under chapter  
70 550 to conduct pari-mutuel wagering meets of thoroughbred racing  
71 unless the applicant has on file with the commission a binding  
72 written agreement between the applicant and the Florida  
73 Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, Inc.,  
74 governing the payment of purses on live thoroughbred races  
75 conducted at the licensee's pari-mutuel facility. In addition,  
76 no slot machine license or renewal thereof shall be issued to  
77 such an applicant unless the applicant has on file with the  
78 commission a binding written agreement between the applicant and  
79 the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, Inc., governing  
80 the payment of breeders', stallion, and special racing awards on  
81 live thoroughbred races conducted at the licensee's pari-mutuel  
82 facility. The agreement governing purses and the agreement  
83 governing awards may direct the payment of such purses and  
84 awards from revenues generated by any wagering or gaming the  
85 applicant is authorized to conduct under Florida law. All purses  
86 and awards shall be subject to the terms of chapter 550. All  
87 sums for breeders', stallion, and special racing awards shall be  
88 remitted monthly to the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders'  
89 Association, Inc., for the payment of awards subject to the  
90 administrative fee authorized in s. 550.2625(3).

91 **Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section**

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92 **849.086, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

93 849.086 Cardrooms authorized.—

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

97 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a pari-  
98 mutuel permitholder, other than a permitholder issued a permit  
99 pursuant to s. 550.3345 or a purchaser, transferee, or assignee  
100 holding a valid permit for the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering  
101 approved pursuant to s. 550.054(15) (a), may not be issued a  
102 license for the operation of a cardroom if the permitholder did  
103 not hold an operating license for the conduct of pari-mutuel  
104 wagering for fiscal year 2020-2021. In order for an initial  
105 cardroom license to be issued to a thoroughbred permitholder  
106 issued a permit pursuant to s. 550.3345, the applicant must have  
107 requested, as part of its pari-mutuel annual license  
108 application, to conduct at least a full schedule of live racing.  
109 ~~In order for a cardroom license to be renewed by a thoroughbred~~  
110 ~~permitholder, the applicant must have requested, as part of its~~  
111 ~~pari-mutuel annual license application, to conduct at least 90~~  
112 ~~percent of the total number of live performances conducted by~~  
113 ~~such permitholder during either the state fiscal year in which~~  
114 ~~its initial cardroom license was issued or the state fiscal year~~  
115 ~~immediately prior thereto if the permitholder ran at least a~~  
116 ~~full schedule of live racing or games in the prior year.~~

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117 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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120 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

121 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

122 A bill to be entitled

123 An act relating to thoroughbred permitholders;  
124 amending s. 550.01215, F.S.; revising the application  
125 requirements for an operating license to conduct pari-  
126 mutuel wagering for a pari-mutuel facility;  
127 authorizing thoroughbred permitholders to elect not to  
128 conduct live racing or games; removing the requirement  
129 for thoroughbred permitholders to conduct live racing;  
130 specifying that thoroughbred permitholders that do not  
131 conduct live racing or games retain their permit and  
132 remain pari-mutuel facilities; specifying that, if  
133 such permitholder has been issued a slot machine  
134 license, the permitholder's facility remains an  
135 eligible facility, continues to be eligible for a slot  
136 machine license, is exempt from certain provisions of  
137 ch. 551, F.S., is eligible to be a guest track, and  
138 remains eligible for a cardroom license; amending s.  
139 551.104, F.S.; removing live racing requirements for  
140 thoroughbred permitholders who are slot machine  
141 licensees; revising purses and awards agreement

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142 requirements for thoroughbred permitholders with a  
143 slot machine license; amending 849.086, F.S.; removing  
144 live racing requirements for thoroughbred  
145 permitholders who are cardroom licensees; providing an  
146 effective date.