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The Committee on Regulated Industries (Gruters) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 100 - 308

and insert:

Section 2. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) of section 16.713, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

16.713 Florida Gaming Control Commission; appointment and employment restrictions.—

(2) PROHIBITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES AND COMMISSIONERS; PERSONS INELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT TO AND EMPLOYMENT WITH THE



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11 COMMISSION.—

12 (a) A person may not, for the 2 years immediately preceding
13 the date of appointment to or employment with the commission and
14 while appointed to or employed with the commission:

15 1. Hold a permit or license issued under chapter 550 or a
16 license issued under chapter 551 or chapter 849; be an officer,
17 official, or employee of such permitholder or licensee; or be an
18 ultimate equitable owner, as defined in s. 550.002(37), of such
19 permitholder or licensee;

20 2. Be an officer, official, employee, or other person with
21 duties or responsibilities relating to a gaming operation owned
22 by an Indian tribe that has a valid and active compact with the
23 state; be a contractor or subcontractor of such tribe or an
24 entity employed, licensed, or contracted by such tribe; or be an
25 ultimate equitable owner, as defined in s. 550.002(37), of such
26 entity;

27 3. Be a registered lobbyist for the executive or
28 legislative branch, except while a commissioner or employee of
29 the commission when officially representing the commission or
30 unless the person registered as a lobbyist for the executive or
31 legislative branch while employed by a state agency as defined
32 in s. 110.107 during the normal course of his or her employment
33 with such agency and he or she has not lobbied on behalf of any
34 entity other than a state agency during the 2 years immediately
35 preceding the date of his or her appointment to or employment
36 with the commission; ~~or~~

37 4. Be a bingo game operator or an employee of a bingo game
38 operator; or

39 5. Be an employee, associate, owner, or contractor for any



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40 person or entity that conducts or facilitates an activity
41 regulated, enforced, or investigated by the commission,
42 including fantasy sports contests and other betting activities.

43 (b) A person is ineligible for appointment to or employment
44 with the commission if, within the 2 years immediately preceding
45 such appointment or employment, he or she violated paragraph (a)
46 or solicited or accepted employment with, acquired any direct or
47 indirect interest in, or had any direct or indirect business
48 association, partnership, or financial relationship with, or is
49 a relative of:

50 1. Any person or entity who is an applicant, licensee, or
51 registrant with the commission; ~~or~~

52 2. Any officer, official, employee, or other person with
53 duties or responsibilities relating to a gaming operation owned
54 by an Indian tribe that has a valid and active compact with the
55 state; any contractor or subcontractor of such tribe or an
56 entity employed, licensed, or contracted by such tribe; or any
57 ultimate equitable owner, as defined in s. 550.002(37), of such
58 entity; or

59 3. Any person or entity that conducts or facilitates an
60 activity regulated, enforced, or investigated by the commission,
61 including fantasy sports contests and other betting activities.

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63 For the purposes of this subsection, the term "relative" means a
64 spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, grandfather, grandmother,
65 brother, sister, uncle, aunt, cousin, nephew, niece, father-in-
66 law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law,
67 sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter,
68 stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, or half sister.



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69 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraphs
70 (b) and (c) of subsection (2) of section 16.715, Florida
71 Statutes, are amended to read:

72 16.715 Florida Gaming Control Commission standards of
73 conduct; ex parte communications.—

74 (1) STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.—

75 (b)1. A commissioner or employee of the commission may not
76 accept anything from any business entity that, either directly
77 or indirectly, owns or controls any person regulated by the
78 commission or from any business entity that, either directly or
79 indirectly, is an affiliate or subsidiary of any person
80 regulated by the commission.

81 2. A commissioner or an employee may attend conferences,
82 along with associated meals and events that are generally
83 available to all conference participants, without payment of any
84 fees in addition to the conference fee. Additionally, while
85 attending a conference, a commissioner or an employee may attend
86 meetings, meals, or events that are not sponsored, in whole or
87 in part, by any representative of any person regulated by the
88 commission and that are limited to commissioners or employees
89 only, committee members, or speakers if the commissioner or
90 employee is a member of a committee of the association of
91 regulatory agencies which organized the conference or is a
92 speaker at the conference. It is not a violation of this
93 subparagraph for a commissioner or an employee to attend a
94 conference for which conference participants who are employed by
95 a person regulated by the commission have paid a higher
96 conference registration fee than the commissioner or employee,
97 or to attend a meal or event that is generally available to all



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98 conference participants without payment of any fees in addition
99 to the conference fee and that is sponsored, in whole or in
100 part, by a person regulated by the commission.

101 3. While employed, and for 2 years after service as a
102 commissioner or for 2 years after employment with the
103 commission, a commissioner or an employee may not accept any
104 form of employment with or engage in any business activity with
105 any business entity that, either directly or indirectly, owns or
106 controls any person regulated by the commission; any person
107 regulated by the commission; or any business entity that, either
108 directly or indirectly, is an affiliate or subsidiary of any
109 person regulated by the commission; or be an employee,
110 associate, owner, or contractor for any person or entity that
111 conducts or facilitates an activity regulated, enforced, or
112 investigated by the commission, including fantasy sports
113 contests and other betting activities.

114 4. While employed, and for 2 years after service as a
115 commissioner or for 2 years after employment with the
116 commission, a commissioner, an employee, or a relative living in
117 the same household as a commissioner or an employee may not have
118 any financial interest, other than shares in a mutual fund, in
119 any person regulated by the commission; in any business entity
120 that, either directly or indirectly, owns or controls any person
121 regulated by the commission; or in any business entity that,
122 either directly or indirectly, is an affiliate or a subsidiary
123 of any person regulated by the commission; or be an employee,
124 associate, owner, or contractor for any person or entity that
125 conducts or facilitates an activity regulated, enforced, or
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127 contests and other betting activities. If a commissioner, an
128 employee, or a relative living in the same household as a
129 commissioner or an employee acquires any financial interest
130 prohibited by this subsection during the commissioner's term of
131 office or the employee's employment with the commission as a
132 result of events or actions beyond the commissioner's, the
133 employee's, or the relative's control, he or she shall
134 immediately sell such financial interest. For the purposes of
135 this subsection, the term "relative" has the same meaning as in
136 s. 16.713(2) (b).

137 5. A commissioner or an employee may not accept anything
138 from a party in a proceeding currently pending before the
139 commission.

140 6. A commissioner may not serve as the representative of
141 any political party or on any executive committee or other
142 governing body of a political party; serve as an executive
143 officer or employee of any political party, committee,
144 organization, or association; receive remuneration for
145 activities on behalf of any candidate for public office; engage
146 on behalf of any candidate for public office in the solicitation
147 of votes or other activities on behalf of such candidacy; or
148 become a candidate for election to any public office without
149 first resigning from office.

150 7. A commissioner, during his or her term of office, may
151 not make any public comment regarding the merits of any
152 proceeding under ss. 120.569 and 120.57 currently pending before
153 the commission.

154 8. A commissioner or an employee may not act in an
155 unprofessional manner at any time during the performance of



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156 official duties.

157 9. A commissioner or an employee must avoid impropriety in
158 all activities and must act at all times in a manner that
159 promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of
160 the commission.

161 10. A commissioner or an employee may not directly or
162 indirectly, through staff or other means, solicit anything of
163 value from any person regulated by the commission, or from any
164 business entity that, whether directly or indirectly, is an
165 affiliate or a subsidiary of any person regulated by the
166 commission, or from any party appearing in a proceeding
167 considered by the commission in the last 2 years.

168 11. A commissioner may not lobby the Governor or any agency
169 of the state, members or employees of the Legislature, or any
170 county or municipal government or governmental agency except to
171 represent the commission in an official capacity.

172 (2) FORMER COMMISSIONERS AND EMPLOYEES.—

173 (b) A commissioner, the executive director, or an employee
174 of the commission may not, for the 2 years immediately following
175 the date of resignation or termination from the commission:

176 1. Hold a permit or license issued under chapter 550, or a
177 license issued under chapter 551 or chapter 849; be an officer,
178 official, or employee of such permitholder or licensee; ~~or~~ be an
179 ultimate equitable owner, as defined in s. 550.002(37), of such
180 permitholder or licensee; or be an employee, associate, owner,
181 or contractor for any person or entity that conducts or
182 facilitates an activity regulated, enforced, or investigated by
183 the commission, including fantasy sports contests and other
184 betting activities;



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185 2. Accept employment by or compensation from a business
186 entity that, directly or indirectly, owns or controls a person
187 regulated by the commission; from a person regulated by the
188 commission; from a business entity which, directly or
189 indirectly, is an affiliate or subsidiary of a person regulated
190 by the commission; ~~or~~ from a business entity or trade
191 association that has been a party to a commission proceeding
192 within the 2 years preceding the member's resignation or
193 termination of service on the commission; from any person or
194 entity that conducts or facilitates an activity regulated,
195 enforced, or investigated by the commission, including fantasy
196 sports contests and other betting activities; or

197 3. Be a bingo game operator or an employee of a bingo game
198 operator.

199 (c) A person employed by the commission may not, for the 2
200 years immediately following the date of termination or
201 resignation from employment with the commission:

202 1. Hold a permit or license issued under chapter 550, or a
203 license issued under chapter 551 or chapter 849; be an officer,
204 official, or employee of such permitholder or licensee; or be an
205 ultimate equitable owner, as defined in s. 550.002(37), of such
206 permitholder or licensee; or be an employee, associate, owner,
207 or contractor for any person or entity that conducts or
208 facilitates an activity regulated, enforced, or investigated by
209 the commission, including fantasy sports contests and other
210 betting activities; or

211 2. Be a bingo game operator or an employee of a bingo game
212 operator.

213 Section 4. Paragraph (i) of subsection (4) of section



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214 551.104, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

215 551.104 License to conduct slot machine gaming.—

216 (4) As a condition of licensure and to maintain continued
217 authority for the conduct of slot machine gaming, the slot
218 machine licensee shall:

219 (i) Create and file with the commission a written policy
220 for:

221 1. Creating opportunities to purchase from vendors in this
222 state, ~~including minority vendors.~~

223 2. Creating opportunities for employment of residents of
224 this state, ~~including minority residents.~~

225 3. Ensuring opportunities for construction services from a
226 small business as defined in s. 288.703 ~~minority contractors.~~

227 4. Ensuring that opportunities for employment are offered
228 on an equal, nondiscriminatory basis.

229 5. Training for employees on responsible gaming and working
230 with a compulsive or addictive gambling prevention program to
231 further its purposes as provided for in s. 551.118.

232 6. The implementation of a drug-testing program that
233 includes, but is not limited to, requiring each employee to sign
234 an agreement that he or she understands that the slot machine
235 facility is a drug-free workplace.

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237 The slot machine licensee shall use the Internet-based job-
238 listing system of the Department of Commerce in advertising
239 employment opportunities. ~~Each slot machine licensee shall
240 provide an annual report to the Florida Gaming Control
241 Commission containing information indicating compliance with
242 this paragraph in regard to minority persons.~~



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243 Section 5. Section 838.12, Florida Statutes, is amended, to
244 read:

245 838.12 Bribery in athletic contests.—

246 (1) Whoever gives, promises, offers or conspires to give,
247 promise or offer, to anyone who participates or expects to
248 participate in any professional or amateur game, contest, match,
249 race or sport; or to any umpire, referee, judge or other
250 official of such game, contest, match, race or sport; or to any
251 owner, manager, coach or trainer of, or to any relative of, or
252 to any person having any direct, indirect, remote or possible
253 connection with, any team, individual, participant or
254 prospective participant in any such professional or amateur
255 game, contest, match, race or sport, or the officials aforesaid,
256 any bribe, money, goods, present, reward or any valuable thing
257 whatsoever, or any promise, contract or agreement whatsoever,
258 with intent to influence him or her or them to lose or cause to
259 be lost any game, contest, match, race or sport, or to limit his
260 or her or their or any person's or any team's margin of victory
261 in any game, contest, match, race, or sport, or to fix or throw
262 any game, contest, match, race or sport, commits ~~shall be guilty~~
263 ~~of~~ a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.
264 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

265 (2) Any participant or prospective participant in any
266 professional or amateur game, contest, match, race or sport; or
267 any umpire, referee, judge or other official of such game,
268 contest, match, race or sport; or any owner, manager, coach or
269 trainer of, or any relative of, or any person having any direct,
270 indirect, remote or possible connection with, any team,
271 individual, participant or prospective participant in any such



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272 professional or amateur game, contest, match, race or sport, or
273 the officials aforesaid; who in any way solicits, receives or
274 accepts, or agrees to receive or accept, or who conspires to
275 receive or accept, any bribe, money, goods, present, reward or
276 any valuable thing whatsoever, or any promise, contract or
277 agreement whatsoever, with intent to lose or cause to be lost
278 any game, contest, match, race or sport, or to limit his, her,
279 their or any person's or any team's margin of victory in any
280 game, contest, match, race or sport, or to fix or throw any
281 game, contest, match, race or sport, commits ~~shall be guilty of~~
282 a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.
283 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

284 (3) A person who stakes, bets, or wagers any money or other
285 thing of value upon the result of any professional or amateur
286 game, contest, match, race, or sport with knowledge that the
287 results of such professional or amateur game, contest, match,
288 race, or sport are prearranged or predetermined as described in
289 subsection (1) or subsection (2) commits a felony of the third
290 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.
291 775.084.

292 Section 6. Section 843.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to
293 read:

294 843.08 False personation.—A person who falsely assumes or
295 pretends to be a firefighter, a sheriff, an officer of the
296 Florida Highway Patrol, an officer of the Fish and Wildlife
297 Conservation Commission, an officer of the Department of
298 Environmental Protection, an officer of the Department of
299 Financial Services, any personnel or representative of the
300 Division of Investigative and Forensic Services, any personnel



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301 or representative of the Florida Gaming Control Commission, an
302 officer of the Department of Corrections, a correctional
303 probation officer, a deputy sheriff, a state attorney or an
304 assistant state attorney, a statewide prosecutor or an assistant
305 statewide prosecutor, a state attorney investigator, a coroner,
306 a police officer, a lottery special agent or lottery
307 investigator, a beverage enforcement agent, a school guardian as
308 described in s. 30.15(1)(k), a security officer licensed under
309 chapter 493, any member of the Florida Commission on Offender
310 Review or any administrative aide or supervisor employed by the
311 commission, any personnel or representative of the Department of
312 Law Enforcement, or a federal law enforcement officer as defined
313 in s. 901.1505, and takes upon himself or herself to act as
314 such, or to require any other person to aid or assist him or her
315 in a matter pertaining to the duty of any such officer, commits
316 a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.
317 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. However, a person who
318 falsely personates any such officer during the course of the
319 commission of a felony commits a felony of the second degree,
320 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
321 If the commission of the felony results in the death or personal
322 injury of another human being, the person commits a felony of
323 the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
324 775.083, or s. 775.084. In determining whether a defendant has
325 violated this section, the court or jury may consider any
326 relevant evidence, including, but not limited to, whether the
327 defendant used lights in violation of s. 316.2397 or s. 843.081.

328 Section 7. Section 849.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to
329 read:



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330 849.01 Keeping gambling houses, etc.—Whoever by herself or
331 himself, her or his servant, clerk or agent, or in any other
332 manner has, keeps, exercises or maintains a gaming table or
333 room, or gaming implements or apparatus, or house, booth, tent,
334 shelter or other place for the purpose of gaming or gambling or
335 in any place of which she or he may directly or indirectly have
336 charge, control or management, either exclusively or with
337 others, procures, suffers or permits any person to play for
338 money or other valuable thing at any game whatever, whether
339 heretofore prohibited or not, commits a felony ~~misdemeanor~~ of
340 the third ~~second~~ degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082,
341 ~~or~~ s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

342 Section 8. Section 849.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to
343 read:

344 849.02 Agents or employees of keeper of gambling house.—A
345 person who ~~Whoever~~ acts as servant, clerk, agent, or employee of
346 any person in the violation of s. 849.01 commits:

347 (1) For a first offense, a misdemeanor of the first degree,
348 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

349 (2) For a second offense, a felony of the third degree,
350 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

351 (3) For a third or subsequent offense, a felony of the
352 second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,
353 or s. 775.084 shall be punished in the manner and to the extent
354 therein mentioned.

355 Section 9. Section 849.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to
356 read:

357 849.03 Renting house for gambling purposes.—A person who
358 ~~Whoever~~, whether as owner or agent, knowingly rents to another a



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359 house, room, booth, tent, shelter or place for the purpose of
360 gaming commits:

361 (1) For a first offense, a felony of the third degree,
362 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084
363 shall be punished in the manner and to the extent mentioned in
364 s. 849.01.

365 (2) For a second or subsequent violation, a felony of the
366 second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,
367 or s. 775.084.

368 Section 10. Section 849.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to
369 read:

370 849.08 Gambling.—

371 (1) As used in this section, the term:

372 (a) "Internet gambling" means to play or engage in any game
373 in which money or other thing of value is awarded based on
374 chance, regardless of any application of skill, that is
375 available on the Internet and accessible on a mobile device,
376 computer terminal, or other similar access device and simulates
377 casino-style gaming, including, but not limited to, slot
378 machines, video poker, and table games.

379 (b) "Internet sports wagering" means to stake, bet, or
380 wager any money or other thing of value upon the result of any
381 trial or contest of skill, speed, power, or endurance of human
382 or beast that is available on the Internet and accessible on a
383 mobile device, computer terminal, or other similar access
384 device. The term does not include fantasy sports contests as
385 defined in s. 849.0932.

386 (2) A person who ~~whoever~~ plays or engages in Internet
387 gambling, any game at cards, keno, roulette, faro or other game



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388 of chance, at any place, by any device whatever, for money or
389 other thing of value, commits ~~shall be guilty of~~ a misdemeanor
390 of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
391 775.083.

392 (3) A person who plays or engages in Internet sports
393 wagering commits:

394 (a) For a first offense, a misdemeanor of the second
395 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

396 (b) For a second or subsequent violation, a misdemeanor of
397 the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
398 775.083.

399 (4) A person who operates, conducts, or promotes Internet
400 gambling or Internet sports wagering, or receives in any manner
401 whatsoever any money or other thing of value offered for the
402 purpose of Internet gambling or Internet sports wagering, or
403 whoever knowingly becomes the custodian or depository of any
404 money or other thing of value so offered, or whoever aids,
405 assists, abets, or influences in any manner in any of such acts,
406 all of which are hereby forbidden, commits a felony of the third
407 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.
408 775.084.

409 (5) This section does not apply to participation in, or the
410 conduct of, any gaming activities authorized under s.
411 285.710(13) and conducted pursuant to a gaming compact ratified
412 and approved under s. 285.710(3).

413 Section 11. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (12) of
414 section 849.086, Florida Statutes, to read:

415 849.086 Cardrooms authorized.-

416 (12) PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.-



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417 (e) A person who manipulates or attempts to manipulate the
418 playing cards, outcome, or payoff of a card game in a licensed
419 cardroom by physical tampering or by use of any object,
420 instrument, or device, whether mechanical, electrical, magnetic,
421 or involving other means, commits a felony of the third degree,
422 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

423 Section 12. Section 849.0932, Florida Statutes, is created
424 to read:

425 849.0932 Fantasy sports contests; conditions for conduct.—

426 (1) As used in this section, the term:

427 (a) "Commission" means the Florida Gaming Control
428 Commission.

429 (b) "Confidential information" means information related to
430 the playing of fantasy sports contests by contest participants
431 which is obtained solely as a result of a person's employment
432 with, or work as an agent of, a contest operator.

433 (c) "Contest operator" means a person or an entity that
434 offers fantasy sports contests for a cash prize to members of
435 the public. The term does not include a noncommercial contest
436 operator in this state.

437 (d) "Contest participant" means a person who pays an entry
438 fee for the ability to participate in a fantasy or simulation
439 sports game or contest offered by a contest operator or
440 noncommercial contest operator.

441 (e) "Entry fee" means the cash or cash equivalent amount
442 that a person is required to pay to a contest operator or
443 noncommercial contest operator to participate in a fantasy
444 sports contest.

445 (f) "Fantasy sports contest" means a fantasy or simulation



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446 sports game or contest offered by a contest operator or a
447 noncommercial contest operator in which a contest participant
448 manages a fantasy or simulation sports team composed of athletes
449 from a professional sports organization and which meets each of
450 the following requirements:

451 1. All prizes and awards offered to winning contest
452 participants are established and made known to the contest
453 participants in advance of the game or contest, and their value
454 is not determined by the number of contest participants or the
455 amount of any fees paid by those contest participants.

456 2. All winning outcomes reflect the relative knowledge and
457 skill of the contest participants and are determined
458 predominantly by accumulated statistical results of the
459 performance of individuals, including athletes in the case of
460 sporting events.

461 3. No winning outcome is based on the score, point spread,
462 or any performance or performances of any single actual team or
463 combination of such teams; solely on any single performance of
464 an individual athlete or player in a single actual event; on a
465 pari-mutuel event, as the term "pari-mutuel" is defined in s.
466 550.002; on a game of poker or other card game; or on the
467 performances of participants in collegiate, high school, or
468 youth sporting events.

469 4. No casino graphics, themes, or titles, including, but
470 not limited to, depictions of slot machine-style symbols, cards,
471 dice, craps, roulette, or lotto, are displayed or depicted.

472 (g) "Noncommercial contest operator" means a natural person
473 who organizes and conducts a fantasy or simulation sports game
474 in which contest participants are charged entry fees for the



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475 right to participate; and who collects, maintains, and
476 distributes such entry fees;

477 (2) The total entry fees collected, maintained, and
478 distributed by a noncommercial contest operator for a fantasy
479 sports contest may not exceed \$1,500 per season or a total of
480 \$10,000 per calendar year. All entry fees must be returned to
481 the contest participants in the form of prizes.

482 (3) The Florida Gaming Control Commission shall investigate
483 violations of this section and refer them to the Attorney
484 General or the state attorney in the circuit in which the
485 violation occurs. The Attorney General or state attorney may
486 also institute proceedings to enjoin any person found to be
487 violating this section.

488 (4) (a) A violation of this section is punishable by a fine
489 of \$1,000 in addition to civil and criminal penalties.

490 (b) An operator or owner of any website, platform, or
491 application that offers fantasy sports contests in violation of
492 this section is subject to a fine of up to \$100,000 per
493 violation.

494 (5) (a) A person who willfully and knowingly violates this
495 section commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as
496 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

497 (b) An operator or an owner of any application, platform,
498 or website that offers fantasy sports contests in violation of
499 this section commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as
500 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

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

503 And the title is amended as follows:



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504 Delete lines 5 - 27
505 and insert:
506 the Florida Gaming Control Commission; amending s.
507 16.713, F.S.; prohibiting certain employment for a
508 specified timeframe before or during a person's
509 service with the commission; amending s. 16.715, F.S.;
510 revising standards of conduct for the commission;
511 prohibiting certain post-employment activities for
512 former commissioners and employees for a specified
513 period; amending s. 551.104, F.S.; revising hiring and
514 procurement policy and reporting requirements for slot
515 machine gaming licensure; amending s. 838.12, F.S.;
516 prohibiting betting on athletic contests with
517 knowledge that the results are prearranged or
518 predetermined; providing criminal penalties; amending
519 s. 843.08, F.S.; prohibiting false personation of
520 personnel of the Florida Gaming Control Commission;
521 providing criminal penalties; amending s. 849.01,
522 F.S.; revising criminal penalties for offenses
523 involving keeping a gambling house; amending s.
524 849.02, F.S.; increasing criminal penalties for
525 specified offenses by agents or employees of a keeper
526 of a gambling house; amending s. 849.03, F.S.;
527 revising criminal penalties for offenses involving
528 renting a house for gambling purposes; amending s.
529 849.08, F.S.; defining the terms "Internet gambling"
530 and "Internet sports wagering"; prohibiting Internet
531 gambling and Internet sports wagering and related
532 offenses; providing criminal penalties; providing an



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533 exception; amending s. 849.086, F.S.; prohibiting
534 specified actions relating to manipulation of card
535 games; providing criminal penalties; creating s.
536 849.0932, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting entry fees
537 collected by noncommercial contest operators from
538 exceeding a specified amount; requiring that all entry
539 fees be returned to contest participants in the form
540 of prizes; requiring the Florida Gaming Control
541 Commission to investigate and refer violations to the
542 Attorney General or the state attorney in the circuit
543 in which the violation occurs; authorizing the
544 Attorney General or the state attorney to institute
545 proceedings to enjoin persons found to be in violation
546 of specified provisions of law; providing fines of
547 specified amounts and civil and criminal penalties for
548 specified violations; amending