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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to jai alai permit holders; amending
3 s. 550.475, F.S.; providing that holders of a valid
4 pari-mutuel permit may lease any of their facilities
5 to any other holder of the same pari-mutuel permit or
6 to any jai alai permitholder when located within a
7 specified radius of each other; reenacting ss.
8 550.054(14)(b) and 550.615(8), F.S., relating to
9 application for permit to conduct pari-mutuel wagering
10 and intertrack wagering, respectively, to incorporate
11 the amendment made to s. 550.475, F.S., in references
12 thereto; providing an effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16 Section 1. Section 550.475, Florida Statutes, is amended to
17 read:

18 550.475 Lease of pari-mutuel facilities by pari-mutuel
19 permitholders.—Holders of valid pari-mutuel permits for the
20 conduct of any pari-mutuel wagering in this state are entitled
21 to lease any ~~and all~~ of their facilities to any other holder of
22 a same class valid pari-mutuel permit or to any jai alai
23 permitholder, when located within a 35-mile radius of each
24 other; and such lessee is entitled to a permit and license to
25 conduct intertrack wagering and operate its race meet or jai
26 alai games at the leased premises.

27 Section 2. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
28 made by this act to section 550.475, Florida Statutes, in a
29 reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (14) of section

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30 550.054, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

31 550.054 Application for permit to conduct pari-mutuel
32 wagering.—

33 (14)

34 (b) The commission, upon application from the holder of a
35 jai alai permit meeting all conditions of this section, shall
36 convert the permit and shall issue to the permitholder a permit
37 to conduct greyhound racing. A permitholder of a permit
38 converted under this section shall be required to apply for and
39 conduct a full schedule of live racing each fiscal year to be
40 eligible for any tax credit provided by this chapter. The holder
41 of a permit converted pursuant to this subsection or any holder
42 of a permit to conduct greyhound racing located in a county in
43 which it is the only permit issued pursuant to this section who
44 operates at a leased facility pursuant to s. 550.475 may move
45 the location for which the permit has been issued to another
46 location within a 30-mile radius of the location fixed in the
47 permit issued in that county, provided the move does not cross
48 the county boundary and such location is approved under the
49 zoning regulations of the county or municipality in which the
50 permit is located, and upon such relocation may use the permit
51 for the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering and the operation of a
52 cardroom. The provisions of s. 550.6305(9)(d) and (f) shall
53 apply to any permit converted under this subsection and shall
54 continue to apply to any permit which was previously included
55 under and subject to such provisions before a conversion
56 pursuant to this section occurred.

57 Section 3. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
58 made by this act to section 550.475, Florida Statutes, in a

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59 reference thereto, subsection (8) of section 550.615, Florida
60 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

61 550.615 Intertrack wagering.—

62 (8) In any three contiguous counties of the state where
63 there are only three permitholders, all of which are greyhound
64 permitholders, if any permitholder leases the facility of
65 another permitholder for all or any portion of the conduct of
66 its live race meet pursuant to s. 550.475, such lessee may
67 conduct intertrack wagering at its pre-lease permitted facility
68 throughout the entire year.

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