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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to jai alai permitholders; amending s.
3	550.475, F.S.; providing that holders of a valid pari-
4	mutuel permit may lease any of their facilities to any
5	other holder of the same pari-mutuel permit or to any
6	jai alai permitholder when located within a specified
7	radius of each other; reenacting ss. 550.054(14)(b)
8	and 550.615(8), F.S., relating to application for
9	permit to conduct pari-mutuel wagering and intertrack
10	wagering, respectively, to incorporate the amendment
11	made to s. 550.475, F.S., in references thereto;
12	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
17	to read:
18	550.475 Lease of pari-mutuel facilities by pari-mutuel
19	permitholdersHolders 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 <u>or to any jai alai</u>
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
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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 30 550.054, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

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

33 (14)

The commission, upon application from the holder of a 34 (b) 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 eligible for any tax credit provided by this chapter. The holder 40 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 operates at a leased facility pursuant to s. 550.475 may move 44 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 permit issued in that county, provided the move does not cross 47 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

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

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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.

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

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