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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Trabulsy offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

**Section 1. Present paragraph (i) of subsection (3) of section 16.712, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (k), new paragraphs (i) and (j) are added to that subsection, and paragraph (h) of that subsection is amended, to read:**

16.712 Florida Gaming Control Commission authorizations, duties, and responsibilities.—

(3) By December 1 of each year, the commission shall make an annual report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,

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13 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report  
14 must, at a minimum, include all of the following:

15 (h) A summary of actions taken and investigations  
16 conducted by the commission, including the number of  
17 investigations that led to criminal charges or any information  
18 being filed and the resolution of such criminal charges or case.

19 (i) The number of complaints received by the commission  
20 categorized by subject matter or the type of complaint and a  
21 summary of the action taken on each complaint by the commission.

22 (j) A list of property seized by the commission during the  
23 course of investigations, and the disposition of such property,  
24 including a list of forfeiture actions.

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

27 16.713 Florida Gaming Control Commission; appointment and  
28 employment restrictions.—

29 (2) PROHIBITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES AND COMMISSIONERS; PERSONS  
30 INELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT TO AND EMPLOYMENT WITH THE  
31 COMMISSION.—

32 (a) A person may not, for the 2 years immediately  
33 preceding the date of appointment to or employment with the  
34 commission and while appointed to or employed with the  
35 commission:

36 1. Hold a permit or license issued under chapter 550 or a  
37 license issued under chapter 551 or chapter 849; be an officer,

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38 official, or employee of such permitholder or licensee; or be an  
39 ultimate equitable owner, as defined in s. 550.002(37), of such  
40 permitholder or licensee;

41 2. Be an officer, official, employee, or other person with  
42 duties or responsibilities relating to a gaming operation owned  
43 by an Indian tribe that has a valid and active compact with the  
44 state; be a contractor or subcontractor of such tribe or an  
45 entity employed, licensed, or contracted by such tribe; or be an  
46 ultimate equitable owner, as defined in s. 550.002(37), of such  
47 entity;

48 3. Be a registered lobbyist for the executive or  
49 legislative branch, except while a commissioner or employee of  
50 the commission when officially representing the commission or  
51 unless the person registered as a lobbyist for the executive or  
52 legislative branch while employed by a state agency as defined  
53 in s. 110.107 during the normal course of his or her employment  
54 with such agency and he or she has not lobbied on behalf of any  
55 entity other than a state agency during the 2 years immediately  
56 preceding the date of his or her appointment to or employment  
57 with the commission; ~~or~~

58 4. Be a bingo game operator or an employee of a bingo game  
59 operator; or

60 5. Be an employee, associate, owner, or contractor for any  
61 person or entity that conducts or facilitates an activity

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62 regulated, enforced, or investigated by the commission,  
63 including fantasy sports contests and other betting activities.

64 (b) A person is ineligible for appointment to or  
65 employment with the commission if, within the 2 years  
66 immediately preceding such appointment or employment, he or she  
67 violated paragraph (a) or solicited or accepted employment with,  
68 acquired any direct or indirect interest in, or had any direct  
69 or indirect business association, partnership, or financial  
70 relationship with, or is a relative of:

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

73 2. Any officer, official, employee, or other person with  
74 duties or responsibilities relating to a gaming operation owned  
75 by an Indian tribe that has a valid and active compact with the  
76 state; any contractor or subcontractor of such tribe or an  
77 entity employed, licensed, or contracted by such tribe; or any  
78 ultimate equitable owner, as defined in s. 550.002(37), of such  
79 entity; or

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

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84 For the purposes of this subsection, the term "relative" means a  
85 spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, grandfather, grandmother,  
86 brother, sister, uncle, aunt, cousin, nephew, niece, father-in-

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87 law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law,  
88 sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter,  
89 stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, or half sister.

90 **Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraphs**  
91 **(b) and (c) of subsection (2) of section 16.715, Florida**  
92 **Statutes, are amended to read:**

93 16.715 Florida Gaming Control Commission standards of  
94 conduct; ex parte communications.-

95 (1) STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.-

96 (b)1. A commissioner or employee of the commission may not  
97 accept anything from any business entity that, either directly  
98 or indirectly, owns or controls any person regulated by the  
99 commission or from any business entity that, either directly or  
100 indirectly, is an affiliate or subsidiary of any person  
101 regulated by the commission.

102 2. A commissioner or an employee may attend conferences,  
103 along with associated meals and events that are generally  
104 available to all conference participants, without payment of any  
105 fees in addition to the conference fee. Additionally, while  
106 attending a conference, a commissioner or an employee may attend  
107 meetings, meals, or events that are not sponsored, in whole or  
108 in part, by any representative of any person regulated by the  
109 commission and that are limited to commissioners or employees  
110 only, committee members, or speakers if the commissioner or  
111 employee is a member of a committee of the association of

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112 regulatory agencies which organized the conference or is a  
113 speaker at the conference. It is not a violation of this  
114 subparagraph for a commissioner or an employee to attend a  
115 conference for which conference participants who are employed by  
116 a person regulated by the commission have paid a higher  
117 conference registration fee than the commissioner or employee,  
118 or to attend a meal or event that is generally available to all  
119 conference participants without payment of any fees in addition  
120 to the conference fee and that is sponsored, in whole or in  
121 part, by a person regulated by the commission.

122 3. While employed, and for 2 years after service as a  
123 commissioner or for 2 years after employment with the  
124 commission, a commissioner or an employee may not accept any  
125 form of employment with or engage in any business activity with  
126 any business entity that, either directly or indirectly, owns or  
127 controls any person regulated by the commission; any person  
128 regulated by the commission; or any business entity that, either  
129 directly or indirectly, is an affiliate or subsidiary of any  
130 person regulated by the commission; or be an employee,  
131 associate, owner, or contractor for any person or entity that  
132 conducts or facilitates an activity regulated, enforced, or  
133 investigated by the commission, including fantasy sports  
134 contests and other betting activities.

135 4. While employed, and for 2 years after service as a  
136 commissioner or for 2 years after employment with the

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137 commission, a commissioner, an employee, or a relative living in  
138 the same household as a commissioner or an employee may not have  
139 any financial interest, other than shares in a mutual fund, in  
140 any person regulated by the commission; in any business entity  
141 that, either directly or indirectly, owns or controls any person  
142 regulated by the commission; or in any business entity that,  
143 either directly or indirectly, is an affiliate or a subsidiary  
144 of any person regulated by the commission; or be an employee,  
145 associate, owner, or contractor for any person or entity that  
146 conducts or facilitates an activity regulated, enforced, or  
147 investigated by the commission, including fantasy sports  
148 contests and other betting activities. If a commissioner, an  
149 employee, or a relative living in the same household as a  
150 commissioner or an employee acquires any financial interest  
151 prohibited by this subsection during the commissioner's term of  
152 office or the employee's employment with the commission as a  
153 result of events or actions beyond the commissioner's, the  
154 employee's, or the relative's control, he or she shall  
155 immediately sell such financial interest. For the purposes of  
156 this subsection, the term "relative" has the same meaning as in  
157 s. 16.713(2) (b).

158 5. A commissioner or an employee may not accept anything  
159 from a party in a proceeding currently pending before the  
160 commission.

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161           6. A commissioner may not serve as the representative of  
162 any political party or on any executive committee or other  
163 governing body of a political party; serve as an executive  
164 officer or employee of any political party, committee,  
165 organization, or association; receive remuneration for  
166 activities on behalf of any candidate for public office; engage  
167 on behalf of any candidate for public office in the solicitation  
168 of votes or other activities on behalf of such candidacy; or  
169 become a candidate for election to any public office without  
170 first resigning from office.

171           7. A commissioner, during his or her term of office, may  
172 not make any public comment regarding the merits of any  
173 proceeding under ss. 120.569 and 120.57 currently pending before  
174 the commission.

175           8. A commissioner or an employee may not act in an  
176 unprofessional manner at any time during the performance of  
177 official duties.

178           9. A commissioner or an employee must avoid impropriety in  
179 all activities and must act at all times in a manner that  
180 promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of  
181 the commission.

182           10. A commissioner or an employee may not directly or  
183 indirectly, through staff or other means, solicit anything of  
184 value from any person regulated by the commission, or from any  
185 business entity that, whether directly or indirectly, is an

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186 affiliate or a subsidiary of any person regulated by the  
187 commission, or from any party appearing in a proceeding  
188 considered by the commission in the last 2 years.

189 11. A commissioner may not lobby the Governor or any  
190 agency of the state, members or employees of the Legislature, or  
191 any county or municipal government or governmental agency except  
192 to represent the commission in an official capacity.

193 (2) FORMER COMMISSIONERS AND EMPLOYEES.—

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

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

206 2. Accept employment by or compensation from a business  
207 entity that, directly or indirectly, owns or controls a person  
208 regulated by the commission; from a person regulated by the  
209 commission; from a business entity which, directly or  
210 indirectly, is an affiliate or subsidiary of a person regulated

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211 by the commission; ~~or~~ from a business entity or trade  
212 association that has been a party to a commission proceeding  
213 within the 2 years preceding the member's resignation or  
214 termination of service on the commission; or from any person or  
215 entity that conducts or facilitates an activity regulated,  
216 enforced, or investigated by the commission, including fantasy  
217 sports contests and other betting activities; or

218 3. Be a bingo game operator or an employee of a bingo game  
219 operator.

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

223 1. Hold a permit or license issued under chapter 550, or a  
224 license issued under chapter 551 or chapter 849; be an officer,  
225 official, or employee of such permitholder or licensee; ~~or~~ be an  
226 ultimate equitable owner, as defined in s. 550.002(37), of such  
227 permitholder or licensee; or be an employee, associate, owner,  
228 or contractor for any person or entity that conducts or  
229 facilitates an activity regulated, enforced, or investigated by  
230 the commission, including fantasy sports contests and other  
231 betting activities; or

232 2. Be a bingo game operator or an employee of a bingo game  
233 operator.

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234           **Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and paragraph**  
235 **(a) of subsection (3) of section 20.055, Florida Statutes, are**  
236 **amended to read:**

237           20.055 Agency inspectors general.—

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

239           (a) "Agency head" means the Governor, a Cabinet officer,  
240 or a secretary or executive director as those terms are defined  
241 in s. 20.03, the chair of the Public Service Commission, the  
242 Director of the Office of Insurance Regulation of the Financial  
243 Services Commission, the Director of the Office of Financial  
244 Regulation of the Financial Services Commission, the board of  
245 directors of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, the  
246 commissioners chair ~~chair~~ of the Florida Gaming Control Commission,  
247 and the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court.

248           (3) (a) 1. For state agencies under the jurisdiction of the  
249 Cabinet or the Governor and Cabinet, or for the Florida Gaming  
250 Control Commission, the inspector general shall be appointed by  
251 the agency head. For state agencies under the jurisdiction of  
252 the Governor, the inspector general shall be appointed by the  
253 Chief Inspector General. The agency head or Chief Inspector  
254 General shall notify the Governor in writing of his or her  
255 intention to hire the inspector general at least 7 days before  
256 an offer of employment. The inspector general shall be appointed  
257 without regard to political affiliation.

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258           2. Within 60 days after a vacancy or anticipated vacancy  
259 in the position of inspector general, the agency head or, for  
260 agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor, the Chief  
261 Inspector General, shall initiate a national search for an  
262 inspector general and shall set the salary of the inspector  
263 general. Effective July 1, 2017, an agency that enters into an  
264 employment agreement, or renewal or renegotiation of an existing  
265 contract or employment agreement with an inspector general or  
266 deputy inspector, may not offer a bonus on work performance in  
267 the contract or agreement and the awarding of such bonuses is  
268 prohibited. In the event of a vacancy in the position of  
269 inspector general, the agency head or, for agencies under the  
270 jurisdiction of the Governor, the Chief Inspector General, may  
271 appoint other office of inspector general management personnel  
272 as interim inspector general until such time as a successor  
273 inspector general is appointed.

274           3. A former or current elected official may not be  
275 appointed inspector general within 5 years after the end of such  
276 individual's period of service. This restriction does not  
277 prohibit the reappointment of a current inspector general.

278           **Section 5. Present subsections (8) and (9) of section**  
279 **546.10, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (9) and**  
280 **(10), respectively, and a new subsection (8) is added to that**  
281 **section, to read:**

282           546.10 Amusement games or machines.—

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283 (8) (a)1. Before purchasing or installing a game or machine  
284 on the premises of any veterans' service organization granted a  
285 federal charter under Title 36, U.S.C., or a division, a  
286 department, a post, or a chapter of such organization, for which  
287 an alcoholic beverage license has been issued, and the veterans'  
288 service organization is in doubt about whether a machine meets  
289 the definition of an amusement machine under this section, the  
290 organization may petition the Florida Gaming Control Commission  
291 for a declaratory statement under s. 120.565 on whether the  
292 operation of the game or machine complies with this section or  
293 chapter 849. An organization awaiting a declaratory statement  
294 from the commission may not purchase or install such game or  
295 machine until the declaratory statement is issued.

296 2. If there is a game or machine currently on the premises  
297 of any veterans' service organization granted a federal charter  
298 under Title 36, U.S.C., or a division, a department, a post, or  
299 a chapter of such organization, for which an alcoholic beverage  
300 license has been issued and the veterans' service organization  
301 is in doubt about whether a machine meets the definition of an  
302 amusement machine under this section, the organization may  
303 petition the commission for a declaratory statement pursuant to  
304 s. 120.565 on whether the operation of the game or machine  
305 complies with this section or would be a violation of this  
306 section or chapter 849. If the game, machine, premises, or  
307 organization is the subject of an ongoing criminal

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308 investigation, the organization is not entitled to petition the  
309 commission for a declaratory statement under this subsection and  
310 the commission may deny a petition on such grounds.

311 3. The commission shall issue a declaratory statement  
312 pursuant to this subsection within 60 days after receiving a  
313 petition requesting such statement. The commission may not deny  
314 a petition that is validly requested pursuant to this subsection  
315 and s. 120.565.

316 (b) A petition made under this subsection must provide  
317 enough information for the commission to issue the declaratory  
318 statement and must be accompanied by the exact specifications  
319 for the type of game or machine that the organization will  
320 purchase or install or currently has on the premises. The  
321 declaratory statement is valid only for the game or machine for  
322 which it is requested and is invalid if the specifications for  
323 the game or the machine have been changed.

324 (c) The declaratory statement is binding on the commission  
325 and may be introduced in any subsequent proceedings as evidence  
326 of a good faith effort to comply with this section or chapter  
327 849.

328 (d) This subsection does not prevent the commission or any  
329 other criminal justice agency as defined in s. 943.045 from  
330 detecting, apprehending, and arresting a person for any alleged  
331 violation of this chapter, chapter 24, part II of chapter 285,

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332 chapter 550, chapter 551, or chapter 849, or any rule adopted  
333 pursuant thereto, or of any law of this state.

334 (e) This subsection does not require an owner or an  
335 operator of an amusement game or machine under this section to  
336 request or obtain a declaratory statement in order to operate  
337 pursuant to this section.

338 **Section 6. Subsection (37) of section 550.002, Florida**  
339 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

340 550.002 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

341 (37) "Ultimate equitable owner" means a natural person  
342 who, directly or indirectly, owns or controls ~~5 percent or more~~  
343 ~~of~~ an ownership interest in a corporation, foreign corporation,  
344 or alien business organization, regardless of whether such  
345 person owns or controls such ownership through one or more  
346 natural persons or one or more proxies, powers of attorney,  
347 nominees, corporations, associations, partnerships, trusts,  
348 joint stock companies, or other entities or devices, or any  
349 combination thereof.

350 **Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (11) and subsection**  
351 **(12) of section 550.054, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

352 550.054 Application for permit to conduct pari-mutuel  
353 wagering.—

354 (11)

355 (b) If a permit to conduct pari-mutuel wagering is held by  
356 a corporation or business entity other than an individual, the

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357 transfer of any 10 percent or more of the stock or other  
358 evidence of ownership or equity in the permitholder may not be  
359 made without the prior approval of the transferee by the  
360 commission pursuant to s. 550.1815.

361 (12) Changes in ownership or interest of a pari-mutuel  
362 permit of any 5 percent or more of the stock or other evidence  
363 of ownership or equity in the permitholder shall be approved by  
364 the commission before ~~prior to~~ such change, ~~unless the owner is~~  
365 ~~an existing owner of that permit who was previously approved by~~  
366 ~~the commission. Changes in ownership or interest of a pari-~~  
367 ~~mutuel permit of less than 5 percent shall be reported to the~~  
368 ~~commission within 20 days of the change. The commission may then~~  
369 ~~conduct an investigation related to the request for to ensure~~  
370 ~~that the permit is properly updated to show~~ the change in  
371 ownership or interest.

372 **Section 8. Subsection (3) of section 550.09512, Florida**  
373 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

374 550.09512 Harness horse taxes; abandoned interest in a  
375 permit for nonpayment of taxes.—

376 (3)~~(a)~~ The permit of a harness horse permitholder who is  
377 conducting live harness horse performances and who does not pay  
378 tax on handle for any such performances conducted during any 2  
379 consecutive state fiscal years shall be void and may not be  
380 reissued unless such failure to operate and pay tax on handle  
381 was the direct result of fire, strike, war, hurricane, pandemic,

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382 or other disaster or event beyond the ability of the  
383 permitholder to control. Financial hardship to the permitholder  
384 shall not, in and of itself, constitute just cause for failure  
385 to operate and pay tax on handle.

386 ~~(b) In order to maximize the tax revenues to the state,~~  
387 ~~the commission shall reissue an escheated harness horse permit~~  
388 ~~to a qualified applicant pursuant to the provisions of this~~  
389 ~~chapter as for the issuance of an initial permit. However, the~~  
390 ~~provisions of this chapter relating to referendum requirements~~  
391 ~~for a pari-mutuel permit shall not apply to the reissuance of an~~  
392 ~~escheated harness horse permit. As specified in the application~~  
393 ~~and upon approval by the commission of an application for the~~  
394 ~~permit, the new permitholder shall be authorized to operate a~~  
395 ~~harness horse facility anywhere in the same county in which the~~  
396 ~~escheated permit was authorized to be operated, notwithstanding~~  
397 ~~the provisions of s. 550.054(2) relating to mileage limitations.~~

398 **Section 9. Subsection (3) of section 550.09515, Florida**  
399 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

400 550.09515 Thoroughbred horse taxes; abandoned interest in  
401 a permit for nonpayment of taxes.—

402 (3) ~~(a)~~ The permit of a thoroughbred horse permitholder who  
403 does not pay tax on handle for live thoroughbred horse  
404 performances for a full schedule of live races during any 2  
405 consecutive state fiscal years shall be void and shall not be  
406 reissued ~~escheat to and become the property of the state unless~~

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407 such failure to operate and pay tax on handle was the direct  
408 result of fire, strike, war, or other disaster or event beyond  
409 the ability of the permitholder to control. Financial hardship  
410 to the permitholder does ~~shall~~ not, in and of itself, constitute  
411 just cause for failure to operate and pay tax on handle.

412 ~~(b) In order to maximize the tax revenues to the state,~~  
413 ~~the commission shall reissue an escheated thoroughbred horse~~  
414 ~~permit to a qualified applicant pursuant to the provisions of~~  
415 ~~this chapter as for the issuance of an initial permit. However,~~  
416 ~~the provisions of this chapter relating to referendum~~  
417 ~~requirements for a pari-mutuel permit shall not apply to the~~  
418 ~~reissuance of an escheated thoroughbred horse permit. As~~  
419 ~~specified in the application and upon approval by the commission~~  
420 ~~of an application for the permit, the new permitholder shall be~~  
421 ~~authorized to operate a thoroughbred horse facility anywhere in~~  
422 ~~the same county in which the escheated permit was authorized to~~  
423 ~~be operated, notwithstanding the provisions of s. 550.054(2)~~  
424 ~~relating to mileage limitations.~~

425 **Section 10. Subsection (4) of section 551.114, Florida**  
426 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

427 551.114 Slot machine gaming areas.—

428 (4) (a) Designated slot machine gaming areas must be  
429 located at the address specified in the licensed permitholder's  
430 slot machine license issued for fiscal year 2020-2021.

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431 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a slot machine licensee  
432 may apply to the commission to change the location of its  
433 designated slot machine gaming area if all of the following  
434 apply:

435 1. The location of the designated slot machine gaming area  
436 is in the same county as the address specified in the licensed  
437 permitholder's slot machine license issued for fiscal year 2020-  
438 2021.

439 2. The location of the designated slot machine gaming area  
440 is within 1,320 feet on a straight line of any outermost  
441 boundary of the licensed permitholder's designated slot machine  
442 gaming area as of January 1, 2026.

443 3. The designated slot machine gaming area is at a  
444 location where the licensed permitholder is authorized to  
445 conduct pari-mutuel wagering activities pursuant to the licensed  
446 permitholder's valid pari-mutuel permit.

447 4. The location is owned by the licensed pari-mutuel  
448 permitholder.

449 5. The location is approved under the zoning regulations  
450 of the county or municipality where the permitted slot machine  
451 gaming area is to be located as a planned development use,  
452 consistent with the comprehensive plan.

453 6. The location does not violate any of the provisions of  
454 any tribal-state gaming compact with a federally recognized  
455 Indian tribe located within this state pursuant to the Indian

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456 Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, 18 U.S.C. ss. 1166-1168, and 25  
457 U.S.C. ss. 2701 et seq.

458 (c) Before submitting an application to the commission to  
459 change the location of the designated slot machine gaming area,  
460 the licensed pari-mutuel permitholder must submit a survey  
461 indicating the existing location of the designated slot machine  
462 gaming area and the proposed location of the new designated slot  
463 machine gaming area.

464 (d) The commission is responsible for approving or denying  
465 the application to change the location of the designated slot  
466 machine gaming area. A slot machine licensee must apply to the  
467 commission using forms adopted by the commission. The commission  
468 shall examine the application and approve or deny the change of  
469 location of the designated slot machine gaming area within the  
470 timeframes required by s. 120.60. The commission may adopt rules  
471 to implement this subsection.

472 **Section 11. Section 838.12, Florida Statutes, is amended,**  
473 **to read:**

474 838.12 Bribery in athletic contests.—

475 (1) A person who ~~Whoever~~ gives, promises, offers or  
476 conspires to give, promise or offer, to anyone who participates  
477 or expects to participate in any professional or amateur game,  
478 contest, match, race or sport; or to any umpire, referee, judge  
479 or other official of such game, contest, match, race or sport;  
480 or to any owner, manager, coach or trainer of, or to any

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481 relative of, or to any person having any direct, indirect,  
482 remote or possible connection with, any team, individual,  
483 participant or prospective participant in any such professional  
484 or amateur game, contest, match, race or sport, or the officials  
485 aforesaid, any bribe, money, goods, present, reward or any  
486 valuable thing whatsoever, or any promise, contract or agreement  
487 whatsoever, with intent to influence him or her or them to lose  
488 or cause to be lost any game, contest, match, race or sport, or  
489 to limit his or her or their or any person's or any team's  
490 margin of victory in any game, contest, match, race, or sport,  
491 or to fix or throw any game, contest, match, race or sport,  
492 commits ~~shall be guilty of~~ a felony of the third degree,  
493 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

494 (2) Any participant or prospective participant in any  
495 professional or amateur game, contest, match, race or sport; or  
496 any umpire, referee, judge or other official of such game,  
497 contest, match, race or sport; or any owner, manager, coach or  
498 trainer of, or any relative of, or any person having any direct,  
499 indirect, remote or possible connection with, any team,  
500 individual, participant or prospective participant in any such  
501 professional or amateur game, contest, match, race or sport, or  
502 the officials aforesaid; who in any way solicits, receives or  
503 accepts, or agrees to receive or accept, or who conspires to  
504 receive or accept, any bribe, money, goods, present, reward or  
505 any valuable thing whatsoever, or any promise, contract or

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506 agreement whatsoever, with intent to lose or cause to be lost  
507 any game, contest, match, race or sport, or to limit his, her,  
508 their or any person's or any team's margin of victory in any  
509 game, contest, match, race or sport, or to fix or throw any  
510 game, contest, match, race or sport, commits ~~shall be guilty of~~  
511 a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.  
512 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

513 (3) A person who stakes, bets, or wagers any money or  
514 other thing of value upon the result of any professional or  
515 amateur game, contest, match, race, or sport with knowledge that  
516 the results of such professional or amateur game, contest,  
517 match, race, or sport are prearranged or predetermined as  
518 described in subsection (1) or subsection (2) commits a felony  
519 of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
520 775.083, or s. 775.084.

521 **Section 12. Section 849.021, Florida Statutes, is created**  
522 **to read:**

523 849.021 Government employee misconduct.—

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

525 (a) "Government employee" means any person employed by, or  
526 acting on behalf of the state or any political subdivision  
527 thereof.

528 (b) "Political subdivision" means a county, municipality,  
529 department, commission, district, board, or other public body,  
530 whether corporate or otherwise, created by or under state law.

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531 (2) Any government employee who knowingly certifies,  
532 licenses, approves, aids, facilitates, or conceals illegal  
533 gambling as defined in this chapter, commits a misdemeanor of  
534 the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
535 775.083.

536 (3) This section does not apply to any person who is  
537 acting in the scope of his or her employment and, in good faith,  
538 reports suspected illegal gambling to law enforcement or  
539 regulatory agencies.

540 **Section 13. Section 849.023, Florida Statutes, is created**  
541 **to read:**

542 849.023 Licensure disqualifying offenses; corporate  
543 shielding prohibited.-

544 (1) DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term:

545 (a) "Controlling person" means:

546 1. A corporate officer or director, or, if a limited  
547 liability company, manager of the licensee or applicant for a  
548 license;

549 2. A general partner, member, or owner of more than 5  
550 percent of any equity interest, direct or indirect, in the  
551 licensee or applicant; or

552 3. An owner of any interest in the licensee or applicant,  
553 including any immediate family member of the owner, or holder of  
554 any debt, mortgage, contract, or concession from the licensee or

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555 applicant, who by virtue thereof is able to control the business  
556 of the licensee or applicant.

557 (b) "Conviction" means a determination of guilt which is  
558 the result of a plea or trial, regardless of whether  
559 adjudication is withheld or a plea of nolo contendere is  
560 entered.

561 (c) "License" has the same meaning as in s. 120.52 and is  
562 issued by:

563 1. The Department of Business and Professional Regulation,  
564 pursuant to chapter 509, chapter 561, chapter 562, chapter 563,  
565 chapter 564, chapter 565, chapter 567, chapter 568, or chapter  
566 569;

567 2. The Florida Gaming Control Commission pursuant to  
568 chapter 550, chapter 551, or s. 849.086; or

569 3. The Office of Financial Regulation pursuant to chapter  
570 560.

571 (d) "Licensee" means a holder of a license.

572 (e) "Owner" means a sole member or owner of 100 percent of  
573 any equity interest, direct or indirect, in the licensee or  
574 applicant.

575 (2) PENALTIES.—

576 (a)1. Pursuant to s. 120.60(6) and notwithstanding any  
577 other provision of law specified in subsection (1), a violation  
578 of s. 849.01, s. 849.03, or s. 849.15 is deemed to constitute an  
579 immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety, and

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580 welfare, and the Department of Business and Professional  
581 Regulation, the Florida Gaming Control Commission, or the Office  
582 of Financial Regulation, respectively, may summarily suspend the  
583 license of any person convicted of a violation of s. 849.01, s.  
584 849.03, or s. 849.15, regardless of adjudication, or any  
585 business entity if its controlling person or sole owner is  
586 convicted of a violation of s. 849.01, s. 849.03, or s. 849.15,  
587 regardless of adjudication.

588 2. In addition to any other penalty provided by law, a  
589 licensee or an applicant, may have a license revoked or any  
590 application thereof denied or not reissued, if the licensee or  
591 applicant, the controlling person of the licensee or applicant,  
592 or the sole owner of the licensee or applicant is convicted of a  
593 violation of s. 849.01, s. 849.03, or s. 849.15, regardless of  
594 adjudication.

595 3.a. Notwithstanding subparagraph 2., a licensee or  
596 applicant may retain, apply for, and be reissued a license if  
597 the license-issuing agency specified in paragraph (1)(c) finds  
598 that such licensee has removed a controlling person from the  
599 business.

600 b. Notwithstanding this paragraph, any licensee is subject  
601 to a fine up to \$75,000 for any conviction of a violation of s.  
602 849.01, s. 849.03, or s. 849.15, regardless of adjudication.

603 **Section 14. Section 849.08, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
604 **to read:**

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605 849.08 Gambling.—

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

607 (a) "Illegal gambling" means any criminal violation of  
608 chapter 546, chapter 550, or chapter 551, or this chapter that  
609 occurs at any business, establishment, premises, or other  
610 location.

611 (b) "Internet gambling" means to play or engage in any  
612 game in which money or other thing of value is awarded based on  
613 chance, regardless of any application of skill, that is  
614 available on the Internet and accessible on a mobile device,  
615 computer terminal, or other similar access device and simulates  
616 casino-style gaming, including, but not limited to, slot  
617 machines, video poker, and table games.

618 (c) "Internet sports wagering" means to use a platform  
619 that is available on the Internet and accessible on a mobile  
620 device, computer terminal, or other similar access device to  
621 stake, bet, or wager any money or other thing of value upon the  
622 result of any trial or contest of skill, speed, power, or  
623 endurance of human or beast. The term does not include fantasy  
624 sports contests as defined in s. 849.0932 or any activity  
625 conducted pursuant to chapter 550.

626 (2) A person who ~~whoever~~ plays or engages in Internet  
627 gambling or any game at cards, keno, roulette, faro or other  
628 game of chance, at any place, by any device whatever, for money  
629 or other thing of value, commits ~~shall be guilty of a~~

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630 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.  
631 775.082 or s. 775.083.

632 (3) A person who plays or engages in Internet sports  
633 wagering commits:

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

636 (b) For a second or subsequent offense, a misdemeanor of  
637 the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
638 775.083.

639 (4) A person who operates, conducts, or promotes illegal  
640 gambling, Internet gambling or Internet sports wagering, or  
641 receives in any manner whatsoever any money or other thing of  
642 value offered for the purpose of illegal gambling, Internet  
643 gambling or Internet sports wagering, or who knowingly becomes  
644 the custodian or depositary of any money or other thing of value  
645 so offered, or who aids, assists, abets, or influences in any  
646 manner in any of such acts commits a felony of the third degree,  
647 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

648 (5) This section does not apply to participation in, or  
649 the conduct of, any gaming activities authorized under s.  
650 285.710(13) and conducted pursuant to a gaming compact ratified  
651 and approved under s. 285.710(3), or any gaming activities  
652 authorized under chapter 550.

653 **Section 15. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (12) of**  
654 **section 849.086, Florida Statutes, to read:**

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655 849.086 Cardrooms authorized.—

656 (12) PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.—

657 (e) A person who, by physical tampering or by use of any  
658 object, instrument, or device, whether mechanical, electrical,  
659 magnetic, or involving other means, manipulates or attempts to  
660 manipulate playing cards for the purpose of affecting the  
661 outcome or payoff of a card game in a licensed cardroom, or  
662 otherwise manipulates or attempts to manipulate the outcome or  
663 payoff of such a card game, commits a felony of the third  
664 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.  
665 775.084.

666 **Section 16. Section 849.0932, Florida Statutes, is created**  
667 **to read:**

668 849.0932 Fantasy sports contests; conditions for conduct.—

669 (1) As used in this section, the term "fantasy sports  
670 contest" means a contest in which a participant pays an entry  
671 fee and manages a fantasy or simulation sports team composed of  
672 athletes from a professional sports organization with the  
673 opportunity to win a cash prize. The term includes a simulation  
674 sports game.

675 (2) Fantasy sports contests must meet all of the following  
676 requirements:

677 (a) Prizes and awards for the winning participants are  
678 established and disclosed to contest participants before entry.

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679 (b) All winning outcomes reflect the relative knowledge  
680 and skill of the fantasy sports contest participant.

681 (c) All winning outcomes are determined predominantly by  
682 accumulated statistical results of the performance of more than  
683 one individual.

684 (d) A winning outcome may not be based on:

685 1. The score, point spread, or performance of a team or  
686 combination of teams.

687 2. The single performance of an individual in a single  
688 event or a pari-mutuel event, as the term "pari-mutuel" is  
689 defined in s. 550.002 as of January 1, 2026.

690 3. A game of poker or other card game.

691 4. The performance of participants in collegiate, high  
692 school, or youth sporting events.

693 (e) Casino graphics, themes, or titles, including, but not  
694 limited to, depictions of slot machine-style symbols, cards,  
695 dice, craps, roulette, or lotto, are not displayed or depicted.

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

698 (b) An operator or owner of any website, platform, or  
699 application that offers fantasy sports contests in violation of  
700 this section is punishable by a fine of up to \$100,000 per  
701 violation.

702 (4) The Florida Gaming Control Commission shall  
703 investigate and refer violations of this section for

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704 prosecution. The Attorney General or state attorney may also  
705 institute proceedings to enjoin any person found to be violating  
706 this section.

707 (5) (a) A person who willfully and knowingly violates any  
708 provision of this section commits a misdemeanor of the first  
709 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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

714 **Section 17. Section 849.11, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
715 **to read:**

716 849.11 Plays at games of chance by lot.—

717 (1) A person who ~~Whoever sets up, promotes or plays in~~  
718 person or in any other manner, including, but not limited to, by  
719 the use, at least in part, of the Internet, at any game of  
720 chance by lot or with dice, cards, numbers, hazards or any other  
721 gambling device whatever for, or for the disposal of money or  
722 other thing of value or under the pretext of a sale, gift or  
723 delivery thereof, or for any right, share or interest therein,  
724 commits ~~shall be guilty of~~ a misdemeanor of the second degree,  
725 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

726 (2) A person who sets up, operates, conducts, promotes, or  
727 receives in any manner whatsoever any money or other thing of  
728 value offered for the purpose of playing at any game of chance

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729 by lot in violation of subsection (1), or who knowingly becomes  
730 the custodian or depositary of any money or other thing of value  
731 so offered, or who aids, assists, abets, or influences in any  
732 manner in any of such acts, commits a felony of the third  
733 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.  
734 775.084.

735 **Section 18. Section 849.13, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
736 **to read:**

737 849.13 ~~Punishment on Second~~ or subsequent offense in  
738 connection with lotteries conviction. ~~A person who commits a~~  
739 second or subsequent violation of the same ~~Whoever, after being~~  
740 ~~convicted of an offense forbidden by law in connection with~~  
741 lotteries for which there is no penalty specified for a second  
742 or subsequent offense, shall have the offense reclassified to an  
743 offense of the next higher degree, ~~commits the like offense,~~  
744 ~~shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable~~  
745 ~~as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.~~ For purposes of  
746 sentencing under chapter 921, a felony offense that is  
747 reclassified under this section is ranked one level above the  
748 ranking under s. 921.0022 or s. 921.0023 of the felony offense  
749 committed.

750 **Section 19. Section 849.14, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
751 **to read:**

752 849.14 Unlawful to bet on result of trial or contest of  
753 skill, etc. A person who:

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754        (1) ~~Whoever~~ Stakes, bets, or wagers any money or other  
755 thing of value upon the result of any trial or contest of skill,  
756 speed or power or endurance of human or beast;

757        (2) ~~, or whoever~~ Receives in any manner whatsoever any  
758 money or other thing of value staked, bet, or wagered, or  
759 offered for the purpose of being staked, bet, or wagered, by or  
760 for any other person upon any such result;

761        (3) ~~, or whoever~~ Knowingly becomes the custodian or  
762 depository of any money or other thing of value so staked, bet,  
763 or wagered upon any such result; ~~or~~

764        (4) ~~whoever~~ Aids, or assists, or abets, or influences in  
765 any manner in any of such acts,

766  
767 ~~all of which are hereby forbidden,~~ commits a felony of the third  
768 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, ~~or~~ s. 775.083, or  
769 s. 775.084.

770        **Section 20. Section 849.15, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
771 **to read:**

772        849.15 Manufacture, sale, possession, etc., of slot  
773 machines or devices prohibited.—

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

775        (a) "Conviction" means a determination of guilt that is  
776 the result of a plea or a trial, regardless of whether  
777 adjudication is withheld or a plea of nolo contendere is  
778 entered.

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779 (b) "Part thereof" means any equipment, subassembly, or  
780 other part of a slot machine or device, whether attached to the  
781 slot machine or device or separate therefrom, that was used,  
782 attempted to be used, or intended to be used in connection with  
783 the play or operation of the slot machine or device.

784 (c) "Person of authority" means a person who, at any  
785 business, establishment, premises, or other location at which a  
786 slot machine or device is offered for play:

787 1. Has actual authority to act on behalf of the business,  
788 establishment, premises, or other location; or

789 2. Is an officer, director, or managing member of the  
790 business, establishment, premises, or other location.

791 (2)-(1) It is unlawful:

792 (a) To manufacture, own, store, keep, possess, sell, rent,  
793 lease, let on shares, lend or give away, transport, or expose  
794 for sale or lease, or to offer to sell, rent, lease, let on  
795 shares, lend or give away, or permit the operation of, or for  
796 any person to permit to be placed, maintained, or used or kept  
797 in any room, space, or building owned, leased or occupied by the  
798 person or under the person's management or control, any slot  
799 machine or device or any part thereof; or

800 (b) To make or to permit to be made with any person any  
801 agreement with reference to any slot machine or device, pursuant  
802 to which the user thereof, as a result of any element of chance  
803 or other outcome unpredictable to him or her, may become

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804 entitled to receive any money, credit, allowance, or thing of  
805 value or additional chance or right to use such machine or  
806 device, or to receive any check, slug, token or memorandum  
807 entitling the holder to receive any money, credit, allowance or  
808 thing of value.

809 (3) (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), a  
810 person who violates subsection (2) commits a misdemeanor of the  
811 first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
812 775.083.

813 (b) A person commits a felony of the third degree,  
814 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084,  
815 if he or she violates subsection (2) and:

816 1. Was a person of authority at the time of the violation;  
817 or  
818 2. Has one prior conviction for a violation of subsection  
819 (2).

820 (c) A person commits a felony of the second degree,  
821 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084,  
822 if he or she violates subsection (2) and:

823 1.a. Was a person of authority at the time of the  
824 violation; and

825 b. The violation involves five or more slot machines or  
826 devices; or

827 2. Has two or more prior convictions for a violation of  
828 subsection (2).

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829        ~~(4)-(2)~~ Pursuant to section 2 of that chapter of the  
830 Congress of the United States entitled "An act to prohibit  
831 transportation of gaming devices in interstate and foreign  
832 commerce," approved January 2, 1951, being ch. 1194, 64 Stat.  
833 1134, and also designated as 15 U.S.C. ss. 1171-1177, the State  
834 of Florida, acting by and through the duly elected and qualified  
835 members of its Legislature, does hereby in this section, and in  
836 accordance with and in compliance with the provisions of section  
837 2 of such chapter of Congress, declare and proclaim that any  
838 county of the State of Florida within which slot machine gaming  
839 is authorized pursuant to chapter 551 is exempt from the  
840 provisions of section 2 of that chapter of the Congress of the  
841 United States entitled "An act to prohibit transportation of  
842 gaming devices in interstate and foreign commerce," designated  
843 as 15 U.S.C. ss. 1171-1177, approved January 2, 1951. All  
844 shipments of gaming devices, including slot machines, into any  
845 county of this state within which slot machine gaming is  
846 authorized pursuant to chapter 551 and the registering,  
847 recording, and labeling of which have been duly performed by the  
848 manufacturer or distributor thereof in accordance with sections  
849 3 and 4 of that chapter of the Congress of the United States  
850 entitled "An act to prohibit transportation of gaming devices in  
851 interstate and foreign commerce," approved January 2, 1951,  
852 being ch. 1194, 64 Stat. 1134, and also designated as 15 U.S.C.  
853 ss. 1171-1177, shall be deemed legal shipments thereof into this

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854 state provided the destination of such shipments is an eligible  
855 facility as defined in s. 551.102 or the facility of a slot  
856 machine manufacturer or slot machine distributor as provided in  
857 s. 551.109(2) (a).

858 **Section 21. Section 849.155, Florida Statutes, is created**  
859 **to read:**

860 849.155 Trafficking in slot machines, devices, or parts.—A  
861 person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures, transports,  
862 delivers, or brings into this state more than 15 slot machines  
863 or devices or any part thereof commits a felony of the first  
864 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.  
865 775.084. As used in this section, the term "part thereof" has  
866 the same meaning as in s. 849.15. If the quantity of slot  
867 machines or devices or any part thereof involved is:

868 (1) More than 15 slot machines or devices or any part  
869 thereof, but less than 25 slot machines or devices or any part  
870 thereof, such person must be fined \$100,000.

871 (2) Twenty-five slot machines or devices or any part  
872 thereof or more, but less than 50 slot machines or devices or  
873 any part thereof, such person must be fined \$250,000.

874 (3) Fifty slot machines or devices or any part thereof or  
875 more, such person must be fined \$500,000.

876  
877 Notwithstanding any other law, all fines imposed and collected  
878 pursuant to this section must be deposited into the Pari-mutuel

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879 Wagering Trust Fund and may be used for the enforcement of  
880 chapters 546, 550, 551, and this chapter by the Florida Gaming  
881 Control Commission.

882 **Section 22. Section 849.157, Florida Statutes, is created**  
883 **to read:**

884 849.157 Making a false or misleading statement regarding  
885 the legality of slot machines or devices to facilitate sale.—

886 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a person who  
887 knowingly and willfully makes a materially false or misleading  
888 statement or who knowingly and willfully disseminates false or  
889 misleading information regarding the legality of a slot machine  
890 or device for the purpose of facilitating the sale or delivery  
891 of a slot machine or device for any money or other valuable  
892 consideration commits a felony of the third degree, punishable  
893 as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

894 (2) A person who violates subsection (1), when such a  
895 violation involves the sale or delivery, or attempted sale or  
896 delivery, of five or more slot machines or devices commits a  
897 felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.  
898 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

899 **Section 23. Section 849.181, Florida Statutes, is created**  
900 **to read:**

901 849.181 Destruction of Excess Machines.—

902 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to protect the  
903 public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the state

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904 by removing slot machines or devices within the meaning of s.  
905 849.16 from public circulation and preventing the warehousing of  
906 large quantities of such slot machines or devices.

907 (2) Definitions. As used in this section, the term:

908 (a) "Criminal justice agency" has the same meaning as  
909 provided in s. 943.045.

910 (b) "Excess slot machines" means more than five slot  
911 machines seized during an investigation.

912 (c) "Slot machine" has the same meaning as the term "slot  
913 machine or device" provided in s. 849.16 and includes the  
914 definition of the term "part thereof" as provided in s. 849.15.

915 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a criminal  
916 justice agency having custody of excess slot machines may  
917 destroy such excess slot machines during the pendency of any  
918 related legal proceedings or ongoing criminal investigations,  
919 provided that such criminal justice agency:

920 (a) Retains at least five slot machines seized during an  
921 investigation until such time as the slot machines may be  
922 destroyed as provided in s. 849.18;

923 (b) Notifies the appropriate United States Attorney or  
924 assistant United States Attorney, the responsible state or local  
925 prosecutor, or a criminal justice agency conducting a criminal  
926 investigation, that the excess slot machines will be destroyed  
927 after 60 days from the date notice is provided, unless the  
928 entity receiving the notice under this paragraph requests the

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929 criminal justice agency in writing not to destroy the excess  
930 slot machines;

931 (c) Photographs and takes a video recording of each excess  
932 slot machine prior to its destruction to serve as evidentiary  
933 exhibits for use at trial. Any photograph or video recording  
934 shall include a written description of the name of the person  
935 such slot machine was taken from, the location where the slot  
936 machine was located, the name of the investigating law  
937 enforcement officer, the date the photograph or video recording  
938 was taken, and the name of the photographer or videographer.  
939 Such writing shall be made under oath by the investigating law  
940 enforcement officer, and the photograph and video recording  
941 shall be authenticated by the photographer's or videographer's  
942 signature;

943 (d) Destroys each excess slot machine in the presence of a  
944 law enforcement officer, who shall create written sworn  
945 documentation of the date, time, location, and number of excess  
946 slot machines destroyed; and

947 (e) Maintains such written sworn documentation created by  
948 the witnessing law enforcement officer under paragraph (d) as  
949 required under s. 119.021.

950 (4) In any prosecution for a violation of this chapter, a  
951 photograph and video recording of an excess slot machine  
952 captured and documented pursuant to paragraph (c) may be deemed  
953 competent evidence and may be admissible in the prosecution to

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954 the same extent as if such excess slot machine were physically  
955 introduced as evidence.

956 (5) If any provision of this section or its application to  
957 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does  
958 not affect other provisions or applications of this section or  
959 chapter which can be given effect without the invalid provision  
960 or application, and to this end, the provisions of this section  
961 are severable.

962 **Section 24.** Section 849.23, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

963 **Section 25. Section 849.47, Florida Statutes, is created**  
964 **to read:**

965 849.47 Transporting or procuring the transportation of  
966 persons to facilitate illegal gambling.-

967 (1) As used in this section, the term "illegal gambling"  
968 means any criminal violation of chapter 546, chapter 550, or  
969 chapter 551, or this chapter that occurs at any business,  
970 establishment, premises, or other location.

971 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3), a person who  
972 knowingly and willfully transports, or procures the  
973 transportation of, five or more other persons into or within  
974 this state when he or she knows or reasonably should know that  
975 such transportation is for the purpose of facilitating illegal  
976 gambling commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable  
977 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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978 (3) (a) A person who transports, or procures the  
979 transportation of, a minor or a person 65 years of age or older  
980 in violation of subsection (2) commits a felony of the third  
981 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.  
982 775.084.

983 (b) A person who transports, or procures the  
984 transportation of, 12 or more persons in violation of subsection  
985 (2) commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided  
986 in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

987 (c) A person who commits a second or subsequent violation  
988 of subsection (2) within 2 years from the date of the  
989 conviction, regardless of adjudication, commits a felony of the  
990 third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,  
991 or s. 775.084.

992 **Section 26. Section 849.48, Florida Statutes, is created**  
993 **to read:**

994 849.48 Gambling or gaming advertisements; prohibited.—

995 (1) As used in this section, the term "illegal gambling"  
996 means any criminal violation of this chapter, chapter 546,  
997 chapter 550, or chapter 551 which occurs at any business,  
998 establishment, premises, or other location.

999 (2) (a) Except as otherwise specifically authorized by law,  
1000 a person may not knowingly and intentionally make, publish,  
1001 disseminate, circulate, or place before the public, or cause,  
1002 directly or indirectly, to be made, published, disseminated,

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1003 circulated, or placed before the public in this state, in any  
1004 manner, whether in person or by the use, at least in part, of  
1005 the Internet, any advertisement, circular, bill, poster,  
1006 pamphlet, list, schedule, announcement, or notice for the  
1007 purpose of promoting or facilitating illegal gambling.

1008 (b) Except as otherwise specifically authorized by law, a  
1009 person may not set up any type or plate for any type of  
1010 advertisement, circular, bill, poster, pamphlet, list, schedule,  
1011 announcement, or notice when he or she knows or reasonably  
1012 should know that such material will be used for the purpose of  
1013 promoting or facilitating illegal gambling.

1014 (c) A person who violates this subsection commits:

1015 1. For a first offense, a misdemeanor of the first degree,  
1016 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

1017 2. For a second or subsequent offense, a felony of the  
1018 third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,  
1019 or s. 775.084.

1020 (3) This section does not prohibit the printing or  
1021 producing of any advertisement, circular, bill, poster,  
1022 pamphlet, list, schedule, announcement, or notice to be used for  
1023 the purpose of promoting or facilitating gambling conducted in  
1024 any other state or nation, outside of this state, where such  
1025 gambling is not prohibited.

1026 **Section 27. Section 849.49, Florida Statutes, is created**  
1027 **to read:**

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1028 849.49 Preemption.—A county, municipality, or other  
1029 political subdivision of the state may not enact or enforce any  
1030 ordinance or local rule related to gaming, gambling, lotteries,  
1031 or any activities described in s. 546.10 or this chapter which  
1032 is less restrictive than state law.

1033 **Section 28. Section 849.50, Florida Statutes, is created**  
1034 **to read:**

1035 849.50 Limited Gaming Device Surrender Program.—

1036 (1) The Legislature finds that illegal gaming operations  
1037 not only undermine public trust, but also expose Floridians to  
1038 organized criminal conduct, financial exploitation, and a host  
1039 of other social harms. Furthermore, the Legislature finds that  
1040 certain persons or entities owning, storing, keeping,  
1041 possessing, transporting, permitting the operation of, or  
1042 otherwise offering illegal gaming devices for play may have been  
1043 misled regarding the legality of the otherwise illegal gaming  
1044 devices. Therefore, the Legislature finds that there is a  
1045 compelling state interest in creating a limited period of time  
1046 in which otherwise illegal gaming devices may be surrendered  
1047 without penalty to ensure such illegal gaming devices do not  
1048 remain in circulation.

1049 (2) The Florida Gaming Control Commission shall organize,  
1050 coordinate, and execute a statewide program in which individuals  
1051 and organizations can handover, surrender, or otherwise disclaim  
1052 any and all interest in any gaming devices, and convey such

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1053 gaming devices to the commission. Such conveyance is irrevocable  
1054 and final.

1055 (3) Any individual or organization that conveys a gaming  
1056 device to the commission as described in this section, that is  
1057 not already facing legal charges based on such possession, shall  
1058 not face criminal prosecution for possession of such devices  
1059 related to any of the devices conveyed to the commission.

1060 (4) The statewide program described in subsection (2)  
1061 shall begin no less than 30 days before October 1, 2026, and end  
1062 on October 1, 2026.

1063 (5) The commission shall advertise the program described  
1064 in this section no less than 60 days before October 1, 2026.

1065 (6) No person or entity shall have any right, title, or  
1066 interest in such property conveyed to the commission pursuant to  
1067 this section.

1068 (7) The commission may execute memorandums of  
1069 understanding with other criminal justice agencies to facilitate  
1070 this section.

1071 **Section 29. Subsection (2) of section 903.046, Florida**  
1072 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1073 903.046 Purpose of and criteria for bail determination.—

1074 (2) When determining whether to release a defendant on  
1075 bail or other conditions, and setting the amount of such ~~what~~  
1076 ~~that~~ bail or other ~~these~~ conditions may be, the court shall  
1077 consider:

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- 1078 (a) The nature and circumstances of the offense charged.  
1079 (b) The weight of the evidence against the defendant.  
1080 (c) The defendant's family ties, length of residence in  
1081 the community, immigration status, employment history, financial  
1082 resources, and mental condition.  
1083 (d) The defendant's past and present conduct, including  
1084 any record of convictions, previous flight to avoid prosecution,  
1085 or failure to appear at court proceedings. However, any  
1086 defendant who had failed to appear on the day of any required  
1087 court proceeding in the case at issue, but who had later  
1088 voluntarily appeared or surrendered, shall not be eligible for a  
1089 recognizance bond; and any defendant who failed to appear on the  
1090 day of any required court proceeding in the case at issue and  
1091 who was later arrested shall not be eligible for a recognizance  
1092 bond or for any form of bond which does not require a monetary  
1093 undertaking or commitment equal to or greater than \$2,000 or  
1094 twice the value of the monetary commitment or undertaking of the  
1095 original bond, whichever is greater. Notwithstanding anything in  
1096 this section, the court has discretion in determining conditions  
1097 of release if the defendant proves circumstances beyond his or  
1098 her control for the failure to appear. This section may not be  
1099 construed as imposing additional duties or obligations on a  
1100 governmental entity related to monetary bonds.  
1101 (e) The nature and probability of danger which the  
1102 defendant's release poses to the community.

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1103 (f) The source of funds used to post bail or procure an  
1104 appearance bond, particularly whether the proffered funds, real  
1105 property, property, or any proposed collateral or bond premium  
1106 may be linked to or derived from the crime alleged to have been  
1107 committed or from any other criminal or illicit activities. The  
1108 burden of establishing the noninvolvement in or nonderivation  
1109 from criminal or other illicit activity of such proffered funds,  
1110 real property, property, or any proposed collateral or bond  
1111 premium falls upon the defendant or other person proffering them  
1112 to obtain the defendant's release.

1113 (g) Whether the defendant is already on release pending  
1114 resolution of another criminal proceeding or on probation,  
1115 parole, or other release pending completion of a sentence.

1116 (h) The street value of any drug or controlled substance  
1117 connected to or involved in the criminal charge. It is the  
1118 finding and intent of the Legislature that crimes involving  
1119 drugs and other controlled substances are of serious social  
1120 concern, that the flight of defendants to avoid prosecution is  
1121 of similar serious social concern, and that frequently such  
1122 defendants are able to post monetary bail using the proceeds of  
1123 their unlawful enterprises to defeat the social utility of  
1124 pretrial bail. Therefore, the courts should carefully consider  
1125 the utility and necessity of substantial bail in relation to the  
1126 street value of the drugs or controlled substances involved.

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1127 (i) The amount of currency seized that is connected to or  
1128 involved in a violation of chapter 546, chapter 550, chapter  
1129 551, or chapter 849.

1130 (j)-(i) The nature and probability of intimidation and  
1131 danger to victims.

1132 (k)-(j) Whether there is probable cause to believe that the  
1133 defendant committed a new crime while on pretrial release.

1134 (l)-(k) Any other facts that the court considers relevant.

1135 (m)-(l) Whether the crime charged is a violation of chapter  
1136 874 or alleged to be subject to enhanced punishment under  
1137 chapter 874 or reclassification under s. 843.22. If any such  
1138 violation is charged against a defendant or if the defendant is  
1139 charged with a crime that is alleged to be subject to such  
1140 enhancement or reclassification, he or she is not eligible for  
1141 release on bail or surety bond until the first appearance on the  
1142 case in order to ensure the full participation of the prosecutor  
1143 and the protection of the public.

1144 (n)-(m) Whether the defendant, other than a defendant whose  
1145 only criminal charge is a misdemeanor offense under chapter 316,  
1146 is required to register as a sexual offender under s. 943.0435  
1147 or a sexual predator under s. 775.21; and, if so, he or she is  
1148 not eligible for release on bail or surety bond until the first  
1149 appearance on the case in order to ensure the full participation  
1150 of the prosecutor and the protection of the public.

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1151           **Section 30. Paragraphs (a), (c), (e), and (g) of**  
 1152 **subsection (3) of section 921.0022, Florida Statutes, are**  
 1153 **amended to read:**

1154           921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity  
 1155 ranking chart.—

1156           (3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART

1157           (a) LEVEL 1

1158

Florida	Felony	
Statute	Degree	Description

1159

24.118(3)(a)	3rd	Counterfeit or altered state lottery ticket.
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104.0616(2)	3rd	Unlawfully distributing, ordering, requesting, collecting, delivering, or possessing vote-by-mail ballots.
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212.054(2)(b)	3rd	Discretionary sales surtax; limitations, administration, and collection.
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212.15(2)(b)	3rd	Failure to remit sales taxes,
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1163			amount \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000.
1163	316.1935(1)	3rd	Fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement officer.
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1164	319.30(5)	3rd	Sell, exchange, give away certificate of title or identification number plate.
1165			
1165	319.35(1)(a)	3rd	Tamper, adjust, change, etc., an odometer.
1166			
1166	320.26(1)(a)	3rd	Counterfeit, manufacture, or sell registration license plates or validation stickers.
1167			
1167	322.212 (1)(a)-(c)	3rd	Possession of forged, stolen, counterfeit, or unlawfully issued driver license; possession of simulated identification.
1168			
1168	322.212(4)	3rd	Supply or aid in supplying unauthorized driver license or

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1169			identification card.
1170	322.212 (5) (a)	3rd	False application for driver license or identification card.
1171	414.39 (3) (a)	3rd	Fraudulent misappropriation of public assistance funds by employee/official, value more than \$200.
1172	443.071 (1)	3rd	False statement or representation to obtain or increase reemployment assistance benefits.
1173	509.151 (1)	3rd	Defraud an innkeeper, food or lodging value \$1,000 or more.
1174	517.302 (1)	3rd	Violation of the Florida Securities and Investor Protection Act.
	713.69	3rd	Tenant removes property upon which lien has accrued, value \$1,000 or more.

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1175	812.014(3)(c)	3rd	Petit theft (3rd conviction); theft of any property not specified in subsection (2).
1176	815.04(4)(a)	3rd	Offense against intellectual property (i.e., computer programs, data).
1177	817.52(2)	3rd	Hiring with intent to defraud, motor vehicle services.
1178	817.569(2)	3rd	Use of public record or public records information or providing false information to facilitate commission of a felony.
1179	826.01	3rd	Bigamy.
1180	828.122(3)	3rd	Fighting or baiting animals.
1181	831.04(1)	3rd	Any erasure, alteration, etc., of any replacement deed, map, plat, or other document listed

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1182			in s. 92.28.
	831.31(1)(a)	3rd	Sell, deliver, or possess counterfeit controlled substances, all but s. 893.03(5) drugs.
1183			
	832.041(1)	3rd	Stopping payment with intent to defraud \$150 or more.
1184			
	832.05(2)(b) & (4)(c)	3rd	Knowing, making, issuing worthless checks \$150 or more or obtaining property in return for worthless check \$150 or more.
1185			
	838.15(2)	3rd	Commercial bribe receiving.
1186			
	838.16	3rd	Commercial bribery.
1187			
	843.18	3rd	Fleeing by boat to elude a law enforcement officer.
1188			
	847.011(1)(a)	3rd	Sell, distribute, etc., obscene, lewd, etc., material

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1189			(2nd conviction).
	<del>849.09(1)(a)-(d)</del>	3rd	<del>Lottery; set up, promote, etc., or assist therein, conduct or advertise drawing for prizes, or dispose of property or money by means of lottery.</del>
1190			
	<del>849.23</del>	3rd	<del>Gambling-related machines; "common offender" as to property rights.</del>
1191			
	<del>849.25(2)</del>	3rd	<del>Engaging in bookmaking.</del>
1192			
	860.08	3rd	Interfere with a railroad signal.
1193			
	860.13(1)(a)	3rd	Operate aircraft while under the influence.
1194			
	893.13(2)(a)2.	3rd	Purchase of cannabis.
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	893.13(6)(a)	3rd	Possession of cannabis (more than 20 grams).
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1197	934.03(1)(a)	3rd	Intercepts, or procures any other person to intercept, any wire or oral communication.
1198	(c) LEVEL 3		
1199			
	Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
1200	119.10(2)(b)	3rd	Unlawful use of confidential information from police reports.
1201	316.066 (3)(b)-(d)	3rd	Unlawfully obtaining or using confidential crash reports.
1202	316.193(2)(b)	3rd	Felony DUI, 3rd conviction.
1203	316.1935(2)	3rd	Fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement officer in patrol vehicle with siren and lights activated.
1204	319.30(4)	3rd	Possession by junkyard of motor vehicle with identification

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1205			number plate removed.
1206	319.33(1)(a)	3rd	Alter or forge any certificate of title to a motor vehicle or mobile home.
1207	319.33(1)(c)	3rd	Procure or pass title on stolen vehicle.
1208	319.33(4)	3rd	With intent to defraud, possess, sell, etc., a blank, forged, or unlawfully obtained title or registration.
1209	327.35(2)(b)	3rd	Felony BUI.
1210	328.05(2)	3rd	Possess, sell, or counterfeit fictitious, stolen, or fraudulent titles or bills of sale of vessels.
1211	328.07(4)	3rd	Manufacture, exchange, or possess vessel with counterfeit or wrong ID number.

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1212	376.302 (5)	3rd	Fraud related to reimbursement for cleanup expenses under the Inland Protection Trust Fund.
1213	379.2431 (1) (e) 5.	3rd	Taking, disturbing, mutilating, destroying, causing to be destroyed, transferring, selling, offering to sell, molesting, or harassing marine turtles, marine turtle eggs, or marine turtle nests in violation of the Marine Turtle Protection Act.
1214	379.2431 (1) (e) 6.	3rd	Possessing any marine turtle species or hatchling, or parts thereof, or the nest of any marine turtle species described in the Marine Turtle Protection Act.
	379.2431 (1) (e) 7.	3rd	Soliciting to commit or conspiring to commit a violation of the Marine Turtle Protection Act.

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1215	400.9935 (4) (a) or (b)	3rd	Operating a clinic, or offering services requiring licensure, without a license.
1216	400.9935 (4) (e)	3rd	Filing a false license application or other required information or failing to report information.
1217	440.1051 (3)	3rd	False report of workers' compensation fraud or retaliation for making such a report.
1218	501.001 (2) (b)	2nd	Tampers with a consumer product or the container using materially false/misleading information.
1219	624.401 (4) (a)	3rd	Transacting insurance without a certificate of authority.
1220	624.401 (4) (b) 1.	3rd	Transacting insurance without a certificate of authority;

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1221			premium collected less than \$20,000.
1222	626.902 (1) (a) & (b)	3rd	Representing an unauthorized insurer.
1223	697.08	3rd	Equity skimming.
1224	790.15 (3)	3rd	Person directs another to discharge firearm from a vehicle.
1225	794.053	3rd	Lewd or lascivious written solicitation of a person 16 or 17 years of age by a person 24 years of age or older.
1226	800.045 (3)	3rd	Possess, control, or intentionally view any photographic material, motion picture, etc., which includes a lewd or lascivious image.
	806.10 (1)	3rd	Maliciously injure, destroy, or interfere with vehicles or

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1227			equipment used in firefighting.
	806.10 (2)	3rd	Interferes with or assaults firefighter in performance of duty.
1228			
	810.09 (2) (b)	3rd	Trespass on property other than structure or conveyance armed with firearm or dangerous weapon.
1229			
	810.145 (2) (c)	3rd	Digital voyeurism; 19 years of age or older.
1230			
	812.014 (2) (c) 2.	3rd	Grand theft; \$5,000 or more but less than \$10,000.
1231			
	812.0145 (2) (c)	3rd	Theft from person 65 years of age or older; \$300 or more but less than \$10,000.
1232			
	812.015 (8) (b)	3rd	Retail theft with intent to sell; conspires with others.
1233			
	812.081 (2)	3rd	Theft of a trade secret.

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1234	815.04 (4) (b)	2nd	Computer offense devised to defraud or obtain property.
1235	817.034 (4) (a) 3.	3rd	Engages in scheme to defraud (Florida Communications Fraud Act), property valued at less than \$20,000.
1236	817.233	3rd	Burning to defraud insurer.
1237	817.234 (8) (b) & (c)	3rd	Unlawful solicitation of persons involved in motor vehicle accidents.
1238	817.234 (11) (a)	3rd	Insurance fraud; property value less than \$20,000.
1239	817.236	3rd	Filing a false motor vehicle insurance application.
1240	817.2361	3rd	Creating, marketing, or presenting a false or fraudulent motor vehicle insurance card.

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1241	817.413(2)	3rd	Sale of used goods of \$1,000 or more as new.
1242	817.49(2)(b)1.	3rd	Willful making of a false report of a crime causing great bodily harm, permanent disfigurement, or permanent disability.
1243	831.28(2)(a)	3rd	Counterfeiting a payment instrument with intent to defraud or possessing a counterfeit payment instrument with intent to defraud.
1244	831.29	2nd	Possession of instruments for counterfeiting driver licenses or identification cards.
1245	836.13(2)	3rd	Generating an altered sexual depiction of an identifiable person without consent.
1246	836.13(4)	3rd	Promoting, or possessing with

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1247			intent to promote, an altered sexual depiction of an identifiable person without consent.
	<u>838.12(3)</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Betting on predetermined or prearranged professional or amateur game, contest, match, race, or sport.</u>
1248			
	838.021(3)(b)	3rd	Threatens unlawful harm to public servant.
1249			
	847.01385	3rd	Harmful communication to a minor.
1250			
	<u>849.086(12)(e)</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Tampering with cards or card games.</u>
1251			
	<u>849.09(1)(a)-(d)</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Lottery; set up, promote, etc., or assist therein, conduct or advertise drawing for prizes, or dispose of property or money by means of lottery.</u>
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1253	<u>849.09(1)(e)-(k)</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Conducting unlawful lottery;</u> <u>second or subsequent offense.</u>
1254	<u>849.11(2)</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Offenses relating to games of</u> <u>chance.</u>
1255	<u>849.14</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Betting on result of trial or</u> <u>contest of skill, etc.</u>
1256	<u>849.15(3)(b)</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Manufacture, sale, or</u> <u>possession of slot machine; by</u> <u>person of authority or with</u> <u>prior conviction.</u>
1257	<u>849.157(1)</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>False or misleading statement</u> <u>to facilitate sale of slot</u> <u>machines or devices.</u>
1258	<u>849.25(2)</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Engaging in bookmaking.</u>
	<u>849.47(3)(a) &amp;</u> <u>(b)</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Transporting persons to</u> <u>facilitate illegal gambling;</u> <u>minor, person 65 years of age</u> <u>or older, or 12 or more</u> <u>persons.</u>

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1259	860.15(3)	3rd	Overcharging for repairs and parts.
1260	870.01(2)	3rd	Riot.
1261	870.01(4)	3rd	Inciting a riot.
1262	893.13(1)(a)2.	3rd	Sell, manufacture, or deliver cannabis (or other s. 893.03(1)(c), (2)(c)1., (2)(c)2., (2)(c)3., (2)(c)6., (2)(c)7., (2)(c)8., (2)(c)9., (2)(c)10., (3), or (4) drugs).
1263	893.13(1)(d)2.	2nd	Sell, manufacture, or deliver s. 893.03(1)(c), (2)(c)1., (2)(c)2., (2)(c)3., (2)(c)6., (2)(c)7., (2)(c)8., (2)(c)9., (2)(c)10., (3), or (4) drugs within 1,000 feet of university.
1264	893.13(1)(f)2.	2nd	Sell, manufacture, or deliver s. 893.03(1)(c), (2)(c)1.,

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			(2) (c) 2., (2) (c) 3., (2) (c) 6., (2) (c) 7., (2) (c) 8., (2) (c) 9., (2) (c) 10., (3), or (4) drugs within 1,000 feet of public housing facility.
1265	893.13(4)(c)	3rd	Use or hire of minor; deliver to minor other controlled substances.
1266	893.13(6)(a)	3rd	Possession of any controlled substance other than felony possession of cannabis.
1267	893.13(7)(a)8.	3rd	Withhold information from practitioner regarding previous receipt of or prescription for a controlled substance.
1268	893.13(7)(a)9.	3rd	Obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substance by fraud, forgery, misrepresentation, etc.
1269	893.13(7)(a)10.	3rd	Affix false or forged label to

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1270			package of controlled substance.
1270	893.13(7)(a)11.	3rd	Furnish false or fraudulent material information on any document or record required by chapter 893.
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1271	893.13(8)(a)1.	3rd	Knowingly assist a patient, other person, or owner of an animal in obtaining a controlled substance through deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in or related to the practitioner's practice.
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1272	893.13(8)(a)2.	3rd	Employ a trick or scheme in the practitioner's practice to assist a patient, other person, or owner of an animal in obtaining a controlled substance.
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1273	893.13(8)(a)3.	3rd	Knowingly write a prescription

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1274			for a controlled substance for a fictitious person.
1274	893.13(8)(a)4.	3rd	Write a prescription for a controlled substance for a patient, other person, or an animal if the sole purpose of writing the prescription is a monetary benefit for the practitioner.
1275	918.13(1)	3rd	Tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.
1276	944.47 (1)(a)1. & 2.	3rd	Introduce contraband to correctional facility.
1277	944.47(1)(c)	2nd	Possess contraband while upon the grounds of a correctional institution.
1278	985.721	3rd	Escapes from a juvenile facility (secure detention or residential commitment facility).

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Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
316.027(2)(a)	3rd	Accidents involving personal injuries other than serious bodily injury, failure to stop; leaving scene.
316.1935(3)(a)	2nd	Driving at high speed or with wanton disregard for safety while fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement officer who is in a patrol vehicle with siren and lights activated.
316.80(2)	2nd	Unlawful conveyance of fuel; obtaining fuel fraudulently.
322.34(6)	3rd	Careless operation of motor vehicle with suspended license, resulting in death or serious bodily injury.

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327.30 (5) (a) 2.            3rd    Vessel accidents involving  
personal injuries other than  
serious bodily injury; leaving  
scene.

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365.172                      2nd    Misuse of emergency  
(14) (b) 2.                    communications system resulting  
in death.

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379.365 (2) (c) 1.           3rd    Violation of rules relating to:  
willful molestation of stone  
crab traps, lines, or buoys;  
illegal bartering, trading, or  
sale, conspiring or aiding in  
such barter, trade, or sale, or  
supplying, agreeing to supply,  
aiding in supplying, or giving  
away stone crab trap tags or  
certificates; making, altering,  
forging, counterfeiting, or  
reproducing stone crab trap  
tags; possession of forged,  
counterfeit, or imitation stone  
crab trap tags; and engaging in

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1289			the commercial harvest of stone crabs while license is suspended or revoked.
	379.367(4)	3rd	Willful molestation of a commercial harvester's spiny lobster trap, line, or buoy.
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	379.407(5)(b)3.	3rd	Possession of 100 or more undersized spiny lobsters.
1291			
	381.0041(11)(b)	3rd	Donate blood, plasma, or organs knowing HIV positive.
1292			
	440.10(1)(g)	2nd	Failure to obtain workers' compensation coverage.
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	440.105(5)	2nd	Unlawful solicitation for the purpose of making workers' compensation claims.
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	440.381(2)	3rd	Submission of false, misleading, or incomplete information with the purpose of avoiding or reducing workers'

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1295			compensation premiums.
1295	624.401 (4) (b) 2.	2nd	Transacting insurance without a certificate or authority; premium collected \$20,000 or more but less than \$100,000.
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1296	626.902 (1) (c)	2nd	Representing an unauthorized insurer; repeat offender.
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1297	790.01 (3)	3rd	Unlawful carrying of a concealed firearm.
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1298	790.162	2nd	Threat to throw or discharge destructive device.
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1299	790.163 (1)	2nd	False report of bomb, explosive, weapon of mass destruction, or use of firearms in violent manner.
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1300	790.221 (1)	2nd	Possession of short-barreled shotgun or machine gun.
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1301	790.23	2nd	Felons in possession of

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			firearms, ammunition, or electronic weapons or devices.
1302	796.05(1)	2nd	Live on earnings of a prostitute; 1st offense.
1303	800.04(6)(c)	3rd	Lewd or lascivious conduct; offender less than 18 years of age.
1304	800.04(7)(b)	2nd	Lewd or lascivious exhibition; offender 18 years of age or older.
1305	806.111(1)	3rd	Possess, manufacture, or dispense fire bomb with intent to damage any structure or property.
1306	810.145(4)	3rd	Commercial digital voyeurism dissemination.
1307	810.145(7)(a)	2nd	Digital voyeurism; 2nd or subsequent offense.
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1309	810.145 (8) (a)	2nd	Digital voyeurism; certain minor victims.
1310	812.014 (2) (d) 3.	2nd	Grand theft, 2nd degree; theft from 20 or more dwellings or their unenclosed curtilage, or any combination.
1311	812.0145 (2) (b)	2nd	Theft from person 65 years of age or older; \$10,000 or more but less than \$50,000.
1312	812.015 (8) (a) & (c) - (e)	3rd	Retail theft; property stolen is valued at \$750 or more and one or more specified acts.
1313	812.015 (8) (f)	3rd	Retail theft; multiple thefts within specified period.
1314	812.015 (8) (g)	3rd	Retail theft; committed with specified number of other persons.
	812.019 (1)	2nd	Stolen property; dealing in or trafficking in.

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1315	812.081 (3)	2nd	Trafficking in trade secrets.
1316	812.131 (2) (b)	3rd	Robbery by sudden snatching.
1317	812.16 (2)	3rd	Owning, operating, or conducting a chop shop.
1318	817.034 (4) (a) 2.	2nd	Communications fraud, value \$20,000 to \$50,000.
1319	817.234 (11) (b)	2nd	Insurance fraud; property value \$20,000 or more but less than \$100,000.
1320	817.2341 (1), (2) (a) & (3) (a)	3rd	Filing false financial statements, making false entries of material fact or false statements regarding property values relating to the solvency of an insuring entity.
1321	817.568 (2) (b)	2nd	Fraudulent use of personal identification information; value of benefit, services

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			received, payment avoided, or amount of injury or fraud, \$5,000 or more or use of personal identification information of 10 or more persons.
1322	817.611 (2) (a)	2nd	Traffic in or possess 5 to 14 counterfeit credit cards or related documents.
1323	817.625 (2) (b)	2nd	Second or subsequent fraudulent use of scanning device, skimming device, or reencoder.
1324	825.1025 (4)	3rd	Lewd or lascivious exhibition in the presence of an elderly person or disabled adult.
1325	828.12 (2)	3rd	Tortures any animal with intent to inflict intense pain, serious physical injury, or death.
1326	836.14 (4)	2nd	Person who willfully promotes

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1327			for financial gain a sexually explicit image of an identifiable person without consent.
1328	839.13 (2) (b)	2nd	Falsifying records of an individual in the care and custody of a state agency involving great bodily harm or death.
1329	843.01 (1)	3rd	Resist officer with violence to person; resist arrest with violence.
1330	847.0135 (5) (b)	2nd	Lewd or lascivious exhibition using computer; offender 18 years or older.
1331	847.0137 (2) & (3)	3rd	Transmission of pornography by electronic device or equipment.
	847.0138 (2) & (3)	3rd	Transmission of material harmful to minors to a minor by electronic device or equipment.

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1332	<u>849.15(3)(c)</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>Manufacture, sale, or possession of slot machine; by person of authority of five or more machines or two or more prior convictions.</u>
1333	<u>849.157(2)</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>False or misleading statement to facilitate sale of slot machines or devices; five or more machines.</u>
1334	<u>849.25(3)</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>Bookmaking; second or subsequent offense.</u>
1335	874.05(1)(b)	2nd	Encouraging or recruiting another to join a criminal gang; second or subsequent offense.
1336	874.05(2)(a)	2nd	Encouraging or recruiting person under 13 years of age to join a criminal gang.
1337	893.13(1)(a)1.	2nd	Sell, manufacture, or deliver

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1338	893.13(1)(c)2.	2nd	Sell, manufacture, or deliver cannabis (or other s. 893.03(1)(c), (2)(c)1., (2)(c)2., (2)(c)3., (2)(c)6., (2)(c)7., (2)(c)8., (2)(c)9., (2)(c)10., (3), or (4) drugs) within 1,000 feet of a child care facility, school, or state, county, or municipal park or publicly owned recreational facility or community center.
1339	893.13(1)(d)1.	1st	Sell, manufacture, or deliver cocaine (or other s. 893.03(1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d), (2)(a), (2)(b), or (2)(c)5. drugs) within 1,000 feet of university.
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1341	893.13(1)(e)2.	2nd	Sell, manufacture, or deliver cannabis or other drug prohibited under s. 893.03(1)(c), (2)(c)1., (2)(c)2., (2)(c)3., (2)(c)6., (2)(c)7., (2)(c)8., (2)(c)9., (2)(c)10., (3), or (4) within 1,000 feet of property used for religious services or a specified business site.
1342	893.13(1)(f)1.	1st	Sell, manufacture, or deliver cocaine (or other s. 893.03(1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d), or (2)(a), (2)(b), or (2)(c)5. drugs) within 1,000 feet of public housing facility.
1343	893.13(4)(b)	2nd	Use or hire of minor; deliver to minor other controlled substance.
409731	893.1351(1)	3rd	Ownership, lease, or rental for trafficking in or manufacturing of controlled substance.

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	Florida	Felony	
	Statute	Degree	Description
1347			
	316.027(2)(c)	1st	Accident involving death, failure to stop; leaving scene.
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	316.193(3)(c)2.	3rd	DUI resulting in serious bodily injury.
1349			
	316.1935(3)(b)	1st	Causing serious bodily injury or death to another person; driving at high speed or with wanton disregard for safety while fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement officer who is in a patrol vehicle with siren and lights activated.
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	327.35(3)(a)3.b.	3rd	Vessel BUI resulting in serious bodily injury.
1351			
	402.319(2)	2nd	Misrepresentation and

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1352			negligence or intentional act resulting in great bodily harm, permanent disfiguration, permanent disability, or death.
1353	409.920 (2) (b) 1.a.	3rd	Medicaid provider fraud; \$10,000 or less.
1354	409.920 (2) (b) 1.b.	2nd	Medicaid provider fraud; more than \$10,000, but less than \$50,000.
1355	456.065 (2)	3rd	Practicing a health care profession without a license.
1356	456.065 (2)	2nd	Practicing a health care profession without a license which results in serious bodily injury.
1357	458.327 (1)	3rd	Practicing medicine without a license.
	459.013 (1)	3rd	Practicing osteopathic medicine without a license.

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1358	460.411(1)	3rd	Practicing chiropractic medicine without a license.
1359	461.012(1)	3rd	Practicing podiatric medicine without a license.
1360	462.17	3rd	Practicing naturopathy without a license.
1361	463.015(1)	3rd	Practicing optometry without a license.
1362	464.016(1)	3rd	Practicing nursing without a license.
1363	465.015(2)	3rd	Practicing pharmacy without a license.
1364	466.026(1)	3rd	Practicing dentistry or dental hygiene without a license.
1365	467.201	3rd	Practicing midwifery without a license.
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1367	468.366	3rd	Delivering respiratory care services without a license.
1368	483.828 (1)	3rd	Practicing as clinical laboratory personnel without a license.
1369	483.901 (7)	3rd	Practicing medical physics without a license.
1370	484.013 (1) (c)	3rd	Preparing or dispensing optical devices without a prescription.
1371	484.053	3rd	Dispensing hearing aids without a license.
1372	494.0018 (2)	1st	Conviction of any violation of chapter 494 in which the total money and property unlawfully obtained exceeded \$50,000 and there were five or more victims.
	560.123 (8) (b) 1.	3rd	Failure to report currency or payment instruments exceeding

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1373			\$300 but less than \$20,000 by a money services business.
	560.125 (5) (a)	3rd	Money services business by unauthorized person, currency or payment instruments exceeding \$300 but less than \$20,000.
1374			
	655.50 (10) (b) 1.	3rd	Failure to report financial transactions exceeding \$300 but less than \$20,000 by financial institution.
1375			
	775.21 (10) (a)	3rd	Sexual predator; failure to register; failure to renew driver license or identification card; other registration violations.
1376			
	775.21 (10) (b)	3rd	Sexual predator working where children regularly congregate.
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	775.21 (10) (g)	3rd	Failure to report or providing false information about a

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1378			sexual predator; harbor or conceal a sexual predator.
1379	782.051(3)	2nd	Attempted felony murder of a person by a person other than the perpetrator or the perpetrator of an attempted felony.
1380	782.07(1)	2nd	Killing of a human being by the act, procurement, or culpable negligence of another (manslaughter).
1381	782.071	2nd	Killing of a human being or unborn child by the operation of a motor vehicle in a reckless manner (vehicular homicide).
1382	782.072	2nd	Killing of a human being by the operation of a vessel in a reckless manner (vessel homicide).
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1383	784.045 (1) (a) 1.	2nd	Aggravated battery; intentionally causing great bodily harm or disfigurement.
1384	784.045 (1) (a) 2.	2nd	Aggravated battery; using deadly weapon.
1385	784.045 (1) (b)	2nd	Aggravated battery; perpetrator aware victim pregnant.
1386	784.048 (4)	3rd	Aggravated stalking; violation of injunction or court order.
1387	784.048 (7)	3rd	Aggravated stalking; violation of court order.
1388	784.07 (2) (d)	1st	Aggravated battery on law enforcement officer.
1389	784.074 (1) (a)	1st	Aggravated battery on sexually violent predators facility staff.
	784.08 (2) (a)	1st	Aggravated battery on a person 65 years of age or older.

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1390	784.081 (1)	1st	Aggravated battery on specified official or employee.
1391	784.082 (1)	1st	Aggravated battery by detained person on visitor or other detainee.
1392	784.083 (1)	1st	Aggravated battery on code inspector.
1393	787.025 (2) (b)	2nd	Luring or enticing a child; second or subsequent offense.
1394	787.025 (2) (c)	2nd	Luring or enticing a child with a specified prior conviction.
1395	787.06 (3) (a) 2.	1st	Human trafficking using coercion for labor and services of an adult.
1396	787.06 (3) (e) 2.	1st	Human trafficking using coercion for labor and services by the transfer or transport of an adult from outside Florida

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			to within the state.
1397	790.07(4)	1st	Specified weapons violation subsequent to previous conviction of s. 790.07(1) or (2).
1398	790.16(1)	1st	Discharge of a machine gun under specified circumstances.
1399	790.165(2)	2nd	Manufacture, sell, possess, or deliver hoax bomb.
1400	790.165(3)	2nd	Possessing, displaying, or threatening to use any hoax bomb while committing or attempting to commit a felony.
1401	790.166(3)	2nd	Possessing, selling, using, or attempting to use a hoax weapon of mass destruction.
1402	790.166(4)	2nd	Possessing, displaying, or threatening to use a hoax weapon of mass destruction

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1403			while committing or attempting to commit a felony.
1403	790.23	1st,PBL	Possession of a firearm by a person who qualifies for the penalty enhancements provided for in s. 874.04.
1404	794.08 (4)	3rd	Female genital mutilation; consent by a parent, guardian, or a person in custodial authority to a victim younger than 18 years of age.
1405	796.05 (1)	1st	Live on earnings of a prostitute; 2nd offense.
1406	796.05 (1)	1st	Live on earnings of a prostitute; 3rd and subsequent offense.
1407	800.04 (5) (c) 1.	2nd	Lewd or lascivious molestation; victim younger than 12 years of age; offender younger than 18 years of age.

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1408	800.04 (5) (c) 2.	2nd	Lewd or lascivious molestation; victim 12 years of age or older but younger than 16 years of age; offender 18 years of age or older.
1409	800.04 (5) (e)	1st	Lewd or lascivious molestation; victim 12 years of age or older but younger than 16 years; offender 18 years or older; prior conviction for specified sex offense.
1410	806.01 (2)	2nd	Maliciously damage structure by fire or explosive.
1411	810.02 (3) (a)	2nd	Burglary of occupied dwelling; unarmed; no assault or battery.
1412	810.02 (3) (b)	2nd	Burglary of unoccupied dwelling; unarmed; no assault or battery.
1413	810.02 (3) (d)	2nd	Burglary of occupied

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			conveyance; unarmed; no assault or battery.
1414	810.02(3)(e)	2nd	Burglary of authorized emergency vehicle.
1415	812.014(2)(a)1.	1st	Property stolen, valued at \$100,000 or more or a semitrailer deployed by a law enforcement officer; property stolen while causing other property damage; 1st degree grand theft.
1416	812.014(2)(b)2.	2nd	Property stolen, cargo valued at less than \$50,000, grand theft in 2nd degree.
1417	812.014(2)(b)3.	2nd	Property stolen, emergency medical equipment; 2nd degree grand theft.
1418	812.014(2)(b)4.	2nd	Property stolen, law enforcement equipment from authorized emergency vehicle.

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1419	812.014(2)(g)	2nd	Grand theft; second degree; firearm with previous conviction of s. 812.014(2)(c)5.
1420	812.0145(2)(a)	1st	Theft from person 65 years of age or older; \$50,000 or more.
1421	812.019(2)	1st	Stolen property; initiates, organizes, plans, etc., the theft of property and traffics in stolen property.
1422	812.131(2)(a)	2nd	Robbery by sudden snatching.
1423	812.133(2)(b)	1st	Carjacking; no firearm, deadly weapon, or other weapon.
1424	817.034(4)(a)1.	1st	Communications fraud, value greater than \$50,000.
1425	817.234(8)(a)	2nd	Solicitation of motor vehicle accident victims with intent to defraud.

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1426	817.234 (9)	2nd	Organizing, planning, or participating in an intentional motor vehicle collision.
1427	817.234 (11) (c)	1st	Insurance fraud; property value \$100,000 or more.
1428	817.2341 (2) (b) & (3) (b)	1st	Making false entries of material fact or false statements regarding property values relating to the solvency of an insuring entity which are a significant cause of the insolvency of that entity.
1429	817.418 (2) (a)	3rd	Offering for sale or advertising personal protective equipment with intent to defraud.
1430	817.504 (1) (a)	3rd	Offering or advertising a vaccine with intent to defraud.
1431	817.535 (2) (a)	3rd	Filing false lien or other

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1432			unauthorized document.
1432	817.611 (2) (b)	2nd	Traffic in or possess 15 to 49 counterfeit credit cards or related documents.
1433	825.102 (3) (b)	2nd	Neglecting an elderly person or disabled adult causing great bodily harm, disability, or disfigurement.
1434	825.103 (3) (b)	2nd	Exploiting an elderly person or disabled adult and property is valued at \$10,000 or more, but less than \$50,000.
1435	827.03 (2) (b)	2nd	Neglect of a child causing great bodily harm, disability, or disfigurement.
1436	827.04 (3)	3rd	Impregnation of a child under 16 years of age by person 21 years of age or older.
1437	827.071 (2) & (3)	2nd	Use or induce a child in a

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1438			sexual performance, or promote or direct such performance.
1439	827.071 (4)	2nd	Possess with intent to promote any photographic material, motion picture, etc., which includes child pornography.
1440	837.05 (2)	3rd	Giving false information about alleged capital felony to a law enforcement officer.
1441	838.015	2nd	Bribery.
1442	838.016	2nd	Unlawful compensation or reward for official behavior.
1443	838.021 (3) (a)	2nd	Unlawful harm to a public servant.
1444	838.22	2nd	Bid tampering.
1445	843.0855 (2)	3rd	Impersonation of a public officer or employee.

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1446	843.0855 (3)	3rd	Unlawful simulation of legal process.
1447	843.0855 (4)	3rd	Intimidation of a public officer or employee.
1448	847.0135 (3)	3rd	Solicitation of a child, via a computer service, to commit an unlawful sex act.
1449	847.0135 (4)	2nd	Traveling to meet a minor to commit an unlawful sex act.
1450	<u>849.155</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>Trafficking in slot machines or devices or any part thereof.</u>
1451	872.06	2nd	Abuse of a dead human body.
1452	874.05 (2) (b)	1st	Encouraging or recruiting person under 13 to join a criminal gang; second or subsequent offense.
	874.10	1st, PBL	Knowingly initiates, organizes, plans, finances, directs,

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1453	893.13(1)(c)1.	1st	manages, or supervises criminal gang-related activity.
1454	893.13(1)(e)1.	1st	Sell, manufacture, or deliver cocaine (or other drug prohibited under s. 893.03(1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d), (2)(a), (2)(b), or (2)(c)5.) within 1,000 feet of a child care facility, school, or state, county, or municipal park or publicly owned recreational facility or community center.
1455	893.13(4)(a)	1st	Sell, manufacture, or deliver cocaine or other drug prohibited under s. 893.03(1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d), (2)(a), (2)(b), or (2)(c)5., within 1,000 feet of property used for religious services or a specified business site.
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1456			to minor other controlled substance.
	893.135 (1) (a) 1.	1st	Trafficking in cannabis, more than 25 lbs., less than 2,000 lbs.
1457			
	893.135 (1) (b) 1.a.	1st	Trafficking in cocaine, more than 28 grams, less than 200 grams.
1458			
	893.135 (1) (c) 1.a.	1st	Trafficking in illegal drugs, more than 4 grams, less than 14 grams.
1459			
	893.135 (1) (c) 2.a.	1st	Trafficking in hydrocodone, 28 grams or more, less than 50 grams.
1460			
	893.135 (1) (c) 2.b.	1st	Trafficking in hydrocodone, 50 grams or more, less than 100 grams.
1461			
	893.135 (1) (c) 3.a.	1st	Trafficking in oxycodone, 7 grams or more, less than 14

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1462			grams.
893.135	1st	Trafficking in oxycodone, 14	
(1) (c) 3.b.		grams or more, less than 25	
		grams.	
1463			
893.135	1st	Trafficking in fentanyl, 4	
(1) (c) 4.b. (I)		grams or more, less than 14	
		grams.	
1464			
893.135	1st	Trafficking in phencyclidine,	
(1) (d) 1.a.		28 grams or more, less than 200	
		grams.	
1465			
893.135 (1) (e) 1.	1st	Trafficking in methaqualone,	
		200 grams or more, less than 5	
		kilograms.	
1466			
893.135 (1) (f) 1.	1st	Trafficking in amphetamine, 14	
		grams or more, less than 28	
		grams.	
1467			
893.135	1st	Trafficking in flunitrazepam, 4	
(1) (g) 1.a.		grams or more, less than 14	
		grams.	

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1468	893.135 (1) (h) 1.a.	1st	Trafficking in gamma-hydroxybutyric acid (GHB), 1 kilogram or more, less than 5 kilograms.
1469	893.135 (1) (j) 1.a.	1st	Trafficking in 1,4-Butanediol, 1 kilogram or more, less than 5 kilograms.
1470	893.135 (1) (k) 2.a.	1st	Trafficking in Phenethylamines, 10 grams or more, less than 200 grams.
1471	893.135 (1) (m) 2.a.	1st	Trafficking in synthetic cannabinoids, 280 grams or more, less than 500 grams.
1472	893.135 (1) (m) 2.b.	1st	Trafficking in synthetic cannabinoids, 500 grams or more, less than 1,000 grams.
1473	893.135 (1) (n) 2.a.	1st	Trafficking in n-benzyl phenethylamines, 14 grams or more, less than 100 grams.

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1474	893.1351(2)	2nd	Possession of place for trafficking in or manufacturing of controlled substance.
1475	896.101(5)(a)	3rd	Money laundering, financial transactions exceeding \$300 but less than \$20,000.
1476	896.104(4)(a)1.	3rd	Structuring transactions to evade reporting or registration requirements, financial transactions exceeding \$300 but less than \$20,000.
1477	943.0435(4)(c)	2nd	Sexual offender vacating permanent residence; failure to comply with reporting requirements.
1478	943.0435(8)	2nd	Sexual offender; remains in state after indicating intent to leave; failure to comply with reporting requirements.

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1480	943.0435(9)(a)	3rd	Sexual offender; failure to comply with reporting requirements.
1481	943.0435(13)	3rd	Failure to report or providing false information about a sexual offender; harbor or conceal a sexual offender.
1482	943.0435(14)	3rd	Sexual offender; failure to report and reregister; failure to respond to address verification; providing false registration information.
1483	944.607(9)	3rd	Sexual offender; failure to comply with reporting requirements.
1484	944.607(10)(a)	3rd	Sexual offender; failure to submit to the taking of a digitized photograph.
	944.607(12)	3rd	Failure to report or providing false information about a

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1485			sexual offender; harbor or conceal a sexual offender.
1486	944.607(13)	3rd	Sexual offender; failure to report and reregister; failure to respond to address verification; providing false registration information.
1487	985.4815(10)	3rd	Sexual offender; failure to submit to the taking of a digitized photograph.
1488	985.4815(12)	3rd	Failure to report or providing false information about a sexual offender; harbor or conceal a sexual offender.
1489	985.4815(13)	3rd	Sexual offender; failure to report and reregister; failure to respond to address verification; providing false registration information.

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1490           **Section 31. Subsection (5) of section 16.71, Florida**  
1491 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1492           16.71 Florida Gaming Control Commission; creation;  
1493 meetings; membership.—

1494           (5) INSPECTOR GENERAL.—~~The chair of the~~ commission shall  
1495 appoint an inspector general who shall perform the duties of an  
1496 inspector general under s. 20.055.

1497           **Section 32. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and paragraph**  
1498 **(a) of subsection (2) of section 772.102, Florida Statutes, are**  
1499 **amended to read:**

1500           772.102 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

1501           (1) "Criminal activity" means to commit, to attempt to  
1502 commit, to conspire to commit, or to solicit, coerce, or  
1503 intimidate another person to commit:

1504           (a) Any crime that is chargeable by indictment or  
1505 information under the following provisions:

1506           1. Section 210.18, relating to evasion of payment of  
1507 cigarette taxes.

1508           2. Section 414.39, relating to public assistance fraud.

1509           3. Section 440.105 or s. 440.106, relating to workers'  
1510 compensation.

1511           4. Part IV of chapter 501, relating to telemarketing.

1512           5. Chapter 517, relating to securities transactions.

1513           6. Section 550.235 or s. 550.3551, relating to dogracing  
1514 and horseracing.

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- 1515 7. Chapter 550, relating to jai alai frontons.
- 1516 8. Chapter 552, relating to the manufacture, distribution,  
1517 and use of explosives.
- 1518 9. Chapter 562, relating to beverage law enforcement.
- 1519 10. Section 624.401, relating to transacting insurance  
1520 without a certificate of authority, s. 624.437(4)(c)1., relating  
1521 to operating an unauthorized multiple-employer welfare  
1522 arrangement, or s. 626.902(1)(b), relating to representing or  
1523 aiding an unauthorized insurer.
- 1524 11. Chapter 687, relating to interest and usurious  
1525 practices.
- 1526 12. Section 721.08, s. 721.09, or s. 721.13, relating to  
1527 real estate timeshare plans.
- 1528 13. Chapter 782, relating to homicide.
- 1529 14. Chapter 784, relating to assault and battery.
- 1530 15. Chapter 787, relating to kidnapping or human  
1531 trafficking.
- 1532 16. Chapter 790, relating to weapons and firearms.
- 1533 17. Former s. 796.03, s. 796.04, s. 796.05, or s. 796.07,  
1534 relating to prostitution.
- 1535 18. Chapter 806, relating to arson.
- 1536 19. Section 810.02(2)(c), relating to specified burglary  
1537 of a dwelling or structure.
- 1538 20. Chapter 812, relating to theft, robbery, and related  
1539 crimes.

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- 1540 21. Chapter 815, relating to computer-related crimes.
- 1541 22. Chapter 817, relating to fraudulent practices, false  
1542 pretenses, fraud generally, and credit card crimes.
- 1543 23. Section 827.071, relating to commercial sexual  
1544 exploitation of children.
- 1545 24. Chapter 831, relating to forgery and counterfeiting.
- 1546 25. Chapter 832, relating to issuance of worthless checks  
1547 and drafts.
- 1548 26. Section 836.05, relating to extortion.
- 1549 27. Chapter 837, relating to perjury.
- 1550 28. Chapter 838, relating to bribery and misuse of public  
1551 office.
- 1552 29. Chapter 843, relating to obstruction of justice.
- 1553 30. Section 847.011, s. 847.012, s. 847.013, s. 847.06, or  
1554 s. 847.07, relating to obscene literature and profanity.
- 1555 31. Section 849.09, s. 849.14, s. 849.15, ~~s. 849.23~~, or s.  
1556 849.25, relating to gambling.
- 1557 32. Chapter 893, relating to drug abuse prevention and  
1558 control.
- 1559 33. Section 914.22 or s. 914.23, relating to witnesses,  
1560 victims, or informants.
- 1561 34. Section 918.12, s. 918.125, or s. 918.13, relating to  
1562 tampering with or harassing court officials, retaliating against  
1563 court officials, and tampering with evidence.

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1564 (2) "Unlawful debt" means any money or other thing of  
1565 value constituting principal or interest of a debt that is  
1566 legally unenforceable in this state in whole or in part because  
1567 the debt was incurred or contracted:

1568 (a) In violation of any one of the following provisions of  
1569 law:

1570 1. Section 550.235 or s. 550.3551, relating to dogracing  
1571 and horseracing.

1572 2. Chapter 550, relating to jai alai frontons.

1573 3. Section 687.071, relating to criminal usury and loan  
1574 sharking.

1575 4. Section 849.09, s. 849.14, s. 849.15, ~~s. 849.23~~, or s.  
1576 849.25, relating to gambling.

1577 **Section 33. Paragraph (a) of subsection (12) of section**  
1578 **895.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1579 895.02 Definitions.—As used in ss. 895.01–895.08, the  
1580 term:

1581 (12) "Unlawful debt" means any money or other thing of  
1582 value constituting principal or interest of a debt that is  
1583 legally unenforceable in this state in whole or in part because  
1584 the debt was incurred or contracted:

1585 (a) In violation of any one of the following provisions of  
1586 law:

1587 1. Section 550.235 or s. 550.3551, relating to dogracing  
1588 and horseracing.

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- 1589 2. Chapter 550, relating to jai alai frontons.
- 1590 3. Section 551.109, relating to slot machine gaming.
- 1591 4. Chapter 687, relating to interest and usury.
- 1592 5. Section 849.09, s. 849.14, s. 849.15, ~~s. 849.23~~, or s.
- 1593 849.25, relating to gambling.

**Section 34.** This act shall take effect October 1, 2026.

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**T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to gambling; amending s. 16.712, F.S.;  
revising the contents of an annual report by the  
Florida Gaming Control Commission; amending s. 16.713,  
F.S.; prohibiting certain appointment or employment  
for a specified period before or during service with  
the commission; amending s. 16.715, F.S.; revising  
standards of conduct for the commission; prohibiting  
certain post-employment activities for former  
commissioners and employees for a specified period;  
amending s. 20.055, F.S.; revising the definition of  
the term "agency head"; requiring the Florida Gaming  
Control Commission's agency head to appoint an  
inspector general; amending s. 546.10, F.S.;

authorizing certain organizations to petition the

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1614 commission before purchasing, installing, or operating  
1615 a game or machine on their premises before petitioning  
1616 for and being issued a specified declaratory statement  
1617 from the commission if the organizations are unsure if  
1618 such game or machine is an amusement machine;  
1619 prohibiting such organizations from purchasing or  
1620 installing a game or machine until an outstanding  
1621 declaratory statement is issued; prohibiting such  
1622 organizations from seeking a declaratory statement if  
1623 the game or machine in question is the subject of a  
1624 criminal investigation; authorizing petitions to be  
1625 denied for specified grounds; requiring the commission  
1626 to issue a declaratory statement within a specified  
1627 timeframe; prohibiting the commission from denying a  
1628 petition if it was validly requested; specifying the  
1629 information that must be included in a request for a  
1630 declaratory statement; providing that the declaratory  
1631 statement is valid only for the game or machine for  
1632 which it is requested; providing that the declaratory  
1633 statement is invalid if the specifications for the  
1634 game or machine have been changed; providing that the  
1635 declaratory statement is binding on the commission and  
1636 may be introduced as evidence in subsequent  
1637 proceedings; providing construction; amending s.  
1638 550.002, F.S.; revising the definition of the term

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1639 "ultimate equitable owner"; amending s. 550.054, F.S.;

1640 revising when commission approval is needed for

1641 transfers of stock or other evidence of ownership of

1642 certain pari-mutuel permitholders; amending s.

1643 550.09512, F.S.; removing provisions requiring

1644 reissuance of escheated harness horse permits;

1645 amending s. 550.09515, F.S.; prohibiting reissuance of

1646 horse permits to certain permitholders who do not pay

1647 tax on handle for live races for a specified period;

1648 removing provisions requiring reissuance of escheated

1649 horse permits; amending s. 551.114, F.S.; authorizing

1650 a slot machine licensee to apply to the commission to

1651 change the location of its designated slot machine

1652 gaming area under certain circumstances; requiring the

1653 licensed pari-mutuel permitholder to submit to the

1654 commission a survey indicating specified information;

1655 providing that the commission is responsible for

1656 approving or denying the application to change the

1657 location of the designated slot machine gaming area;

1658 requiring a slot machine licensee to apply to the

1659 commission using forms adopted by the commission;

1660 requiring the commission to examine the application

1661 and approve or deny the application within a specified

1662 timeframe; authorizing the commission to adopt rules;

1663 amending s. 838.12, F.S.; prohibiting betting on

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1664 athletic contests with knowledge that the results are  
1665 prearranged or predetermined; providing criminal  
1666 penalties; creating s. 849.021, F.S.; defining the  
1667 terms "government employee" and "political  
1668 subdivision"; providing that government employees who  
1669 take certain actions relating to illegal gambling are  
1670 subject to specified punishment; providing an  
1671 exception; creating s. 849.023, F.S.; providing  
1672 definitions; providing that certain violations of law  
1673 may result in the loss of specified licenses or denial  
1674 of application; authorizing licensees to retain, apply  
1675 for, and be reissued a license in specified  
1676 circumstances; providing additional penalties;  
1677 amending s. 849.08, F.S.; providing definitions;  
1678 prohibiting Internet gambling and Internet sports  
1679 wagering and related offenses; providing criminal  
1680 penalties; providing an exceptions; amending s.  
1681 849.086, F.S.; prohibiting specified actions relating  
1682 to the manipulation of card games; providing criminal  
1683 penalties; creating s. 849.0932, F.S.; defining the  
1684 term "fantasy sports contest"; requiring such contests  
1685 to meet specified requirements; providing penalties  
1686 for violations; authorizing the commission to  
1687 investigate and refer violations for prosecution;  
1688 authorizing enforcement actions by the Attorney

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1689 General and state attorneys; providing criminal  
1690 penalties for certain violations; amending s. 849.11,  
1691 F.S.; prohibiting certain offenses relating to games  
1692 of chance; providing criminal penalties; amending s.  
1693 849.13, F.S.; providing enhanced criminal penalties  
1694 for second or subsequent violations of certain  
1695 provisions; amending s. 849.14, F.S.; revising  
1696 criminal penalties for betting or wagering on certain  
1697 activities; amending s. 849.15, F.S.; providing  
1698 definitions; providing criminal penalties for  
1699 specified offenses relating to the manufacture,  
1700 possession, and sale of slot machines or devices;  
1701 creating s. 849.155, F.S.; prohibiting trafficking in  
1702 slot machines, devices, or part thereof; defining the  
1703 term "part thereof"; providing criminal penalties;  
1704 providing for the deposit of fines into a specified  
1705 trust fund for specified purposes; creating s.  
1706 849.157, F.S.; prohibiting the making of a false or  
1707 misleading statement regarding the legality of slot  
1708 machines or devices for specified purposes; providing  
1709 criminal penalties; creating s. 849.181; providing  
1710 legislative intent; providing definitions; authorizing  
1711 criminal justice agencies to destroy excess slot  
1712 machines after meeting certain requirements; providing  
1713 that certain recordings are deemed to be competent

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1714 evidence in certain circumstances; providing for  
1715 severability; repealing s. 849.23, F.S., relating to  
1716 penalties for violations of specified provisions;  
1717 creating s. 849.47, F.S.; defining the term "illegal  
1718 gambling"; prohibiting the transportation of specified  
1719 numbers of persons or persons of certain ages, for the  
1720 purpose of facilitating illegal gambling; providing  
1721 criminal penalties; creating s. 849.48, F.S.; defining  
1722 the term "illegal gambling"; prohibiting specified  
1723 gambling or gaming advertisements; providing criminal  
1724 penalties; providing construction; creating s. 849.49,  
1725 F.S.; prohibiting specified political subdivisions  
1726 from enacting or enforcing certain ordinances and  
1727 rules; creating s. 849.50, F.S.; providing legislative  
1728 findings; authorizing the Florida Gaming Control  
1729 Commission to take certain actions relating to a  
1730 statewide program for a specified purpose; providing  
1731 that persons who participate in the program shall not  
1732 face criminal prosecution in certain circumstances;  
1733 requiring the program be begin and end at specified  
1734 times; requiring the commission to advertise the  
1735 program in a specified manner; providing construction;  
1736 authorizing the commission to execute memorandums of  
1737 understanding with specified agencies for a certain  
1738 purpose; amending s. 903.046, F.S.; revising the

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1739 factors a court shall consider when making specified  
1740 determinations; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; ranking  
1741 offenses for purposes of the offense severity ranking  
1742 chart of the Criminal Punishment Code; amending ss.  
1743 16.71, 772.102, and 895.02, F.S.; conforming  
1744 provisions to changes made by the act; providing an  
1745 effective date.

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