

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/SB 1580

INTRODUCER: Rules Committee; Regulated Industries Committee; and Senator Martin

SUBJECT: Illegal Gaming

DATE: March 11, 2026

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment – 409731 to CS/CS/SB 1580

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment – *Barcode 409731* provides for reports and the designation of an agency head for the Florida Gaming Control Commission, employment restrictions, provides for a declaratory statement request by veteran’s groups, provides for equity owners of pari-mutuel facilities, and eliminates horseracing permits escheating to the state.

The amendment provides criteria for moving a slot machine gaming area, increased penalties for various gambling offenses, including bribery in athletic contests, government employee misconduct, and licensure disqualification.

The amendment also provides definitions for illegal gambling, internet gambling and internet sports wagering, and provides penalties.

Additionally, the amendment provides penalties for cardroom tampering. It also provides additional penalties for games of chance by lot, lotteries, contests of skill, slot machines, trafficking in slot machines, false statements on legality of slot machines, and provides for destruction of machines. It provides penalties for transporting machines, gambling advertisements, preemption of regulation, a device surrender program, and a change to bail considerations.

Finally, the amendment provides a regulatory framework for fantasy sports contests.

The effective date is October 1, 2026.