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The Committee on Appropriations (Sobel) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 145 and 146

insert:

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 550.01215, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

550.01215 License application; periods of operation; bond, conversion of permit.—

(1) Each permitholder shall annually, during the period between December 15 and January 4, file in writing with the



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11 division its application for a license to conduct performances,  
12 if any, during the next state fiscal year. Each application  
13 shall specify the number, dates, and starting times of all  
14 performances which the permitholder intends to conduct. It shall  
15 also specify which performances will be conducted as charity or  
16 scholarship performances. In addition, each application for a  
17 license shall include, for each permitholder which elects to  
18 operate a cardroom, the dates and periods of operation the  
19 permitholder intends to operate the cardroom or, for each  
20 thoroughbred permitholder which elects to receive or rebroadcast  
21 out-of-state races after 7 p.m., the dates for all performances  
22 which the permitholder intends to conduct. Permitholders may  
23 ~~shall be entitled to~~ amend their applications through February  
24 28. A greyhound permitholder operating pursuant to a current  
25 year's operating license issued by the division may specify that  
26 it intends to conduct no live performances in its annual  
27 application for a license to conduct performances during the  
28 next state fiscal year. A greyhound permitholder operating  
29 pursuant to a current year's operating license may amend its  
30 license for the 2014-2015 state fiscal year through August 31,  
31 2014.

32 Section 3. Subsections (1), (7), and (8) of section  
33 550.0351, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

34 550.0351 Charity racing days.—

35 (1) The division shall, upon the request of a permitholder,  
36 authorize each horseracing permitholder, ~~dogracing permitholder,~~  
37 and jai alai permitholder up to five charity or scholarship days  
38 in addition to the regular racing days authorized by law.

39 ~~(7) In addition to the charity days authorized by this~~



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40 ~~section, any dogracing permitholder may allow its facility to be~~  
41 ~~used for conducting "hound dog derbies" or "mutt derbies" on any~~  
42 ~~day during each racing season by any charitable, civic, or~~  
43 ~~nonprofit organization for the purpose of conducting "hound dog~~  
44 ~~derbies" or "mutt derbies" if only dogs other than those usually~~  
45 ~~used in dogracing (greyhounds) are permitted to race and if~~  
46 ~~adults and minors are allowed to participate as dog owners or~~  
47 ~~spectators. During these racing events, betting, gambling, and~~  
48 ~~the sale or use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.~~

49 ~~(7)~~(8) In addition to the eligible charities that meet the  
50 criteria set forth in this section, a jai alai permitholder is  
51 authorized to conduct two additional charity performances each  
52 fiscal year for a fund to benefit retired jai alai players. This  
53 performance shall be known as the "Retired Jai Alai Players  
54 Charity Day." The administration of this fund shall be  
55 determined by rule by the division.

56 Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (14) of section  
57 550.054, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

58 550.054 Application for permit to conduct pari-mutuel  
59 wagering.—

60 (14)

61 (b) The division, upon application from the holder of a jai  
62 alai permit meeting all conditions of this section, shall  
63 convert the permit and shall issue to the permitholder a permit  
64 to conduct greyhound racing. A permitholder of a permit  
65 converted under this section shall be required to apply for and  
66 conduct a full schedule of live racing in the first fiscal year  
67 following the conversion ~~A permitholder of a permit converted~~  
68 ~~under this section shall be required to apply for and conduct a~~



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69 ~~full schedule of live racing each fiscal year to be eligible for~~  
70 ~~any tax credit provided by this chapter.~~ The holder of a permit  
71 converted pursuant to this subsection or any holder of a permit  
72 to conduct greyhound racing located in a county in which it is  
73 the only permit issued pursuant to this section who operates at  
74 a leased facility pursuant to s. 550.475 may move the location  
75 for which the permit has been issued to another location within  
76 a 30-mile radius of the location fixed in the permit issued in  
77 that county, provided the move does not cross the county  
78 boundary and such location is approved under the zoning  
79 regulations of the county or municipality in which the permit is  
80 located, and upon such relocation may use the permit for the  
81 conduct of pari-mutuel wagering and the operation of a cardroom.  
82 The provisions of s. 550.6305(9)(d) and (f) shall apply to any  
83 permit converted under this subsection and shall continue to  
84 apply to any permit which was previously included under and  
85 subject to such provisions before a conversion pursuant to this  
86 section occurred.

87 Section 5. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 550.0951,  
88 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

89 550.0951 Payment of daily license fee and taxes;  
90 penalties.—

91 (1) ~~(a)~~ DAILY LICENSE FEE.—Each person engaged in the  
92 business of conducting horserace meets ~~race meetings~~ or jai alai  
93 games under this chapter, hereinafter referred to as the  
94 "permitholder," "licensee," or "permittee," shall pay to the  
95 division, for the use of the division, a daily license fee on  
96 each live or simulcast pari-mutuel event of \$100 for each  
97 horserace ~~and \$80 for each dograce~~ and \$40 for each jai alai



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98 game conducted at a racetrack or fronton licensed under this  
99 chapter. ~~In addition to the tax exemption specified in s.~~  
100 ~~550.09514(1) of \$360,000 or \$500,000 per greyhound permitholder~~  
101 ~~per state fiscal year, each greyhound permitholder shall receive~~  
102 ~~in the current state fiscal year a tax credit equal to the~~  
103 ~~number of live greyhound races conducted in the previous state~~  
104 ~~fiscal year times the daily license fee specified for each~~  
105 ~~dograce in this subsection applicable for the previous state~~  
106 ~~fiscal year. This tax credit and the exemption in s.~~  
107 ~~550.09514(1) shall be applicable to any tax imposed by this~~  
108 ~~chapter or the daily license fees imposed by this chapter except~~  
109 ~~during any charity or scholarship performances conducted~~  
110 ~~pursuant to s. 550.0351. Each permitholder shall pay daily~~  
111 ~~license fees not to exceed \$500 per day on any simulcast races~~  
112 ~~or games on which such permitholder accepts wagers regardless of~~  
113 ~~the number of out-of-state events taken or the number of out-of-~~  
114 ~~state locations from which such events are taken. This license~~  
115 ~~fee shall be deposited with the Chief Financial Officer to the~~  
116 ~~credit of the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund.~~

117 ~~(b) Each permitholder that cannot utilize the full amount~~  
118 ~~of the exemption of \$360,000 or \$500,000 provided in s.~~  
119 ~~550.09514(1) or the daily license fee credit provided in this~~  
120 ~~section may, after notifying the division in writing, elect once~~  
121 ~~per state fiscal year on a form provided by the division to~~  
122 ~~transfer such exemption or credit or any portion thereof to any~~  
123 ~~greyhound permitholder which acts as a host track to such~~  
124 ~~permitholder for the purpose of intertrack wagering. Once an~~  
125 ~~election to transfer such exemption or credit is filed with the~~  
126 ~~division, it shall not be rescinded. The division shall~~



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127 ~~disapprove the transfer when the amount of the exemption or~~  
128 ~~credit or portion thereof is unavailable to the transferring~~  
129 ~~permitholder or when the permitholder who is entitled to~~  
130 ~~transfer the exemption or credit or who is entitled to receive~~  
131 ~~the exemption or credit owes taxes to the state pursuant to a~~  
132 ~~deficiency letter or administrative complaint issued by the~~  
133 ~~division. Upon approval of the transfer by the division, the~~  
134 ~~transferred tax exemption or credit shall be effective for the~~  
135 ~~first performance of the next payment period as specified in~~  
136 ~~subsection (5). The exemption or credit transferred to such host~~  
137 ~~track may be applied by such host track against any taxes~~  
138 ~~imposed by this chapter or daily license fees imposed by this~~  
139 ~~chapter. The greyhound permitholder host track to which such~~  
140 ~~exemption or credit is transferred shall reimburse such~~  
141 ~~permitholder the exact monetary value of such transferred~~  
142 ~~exemption or credit as actually applied against the taxes and~~  
143 ~~daily license fees of the host track. The division shall ensure~~  
144 ~~that all transfers of exemption or credit are made in accordance~~  
145 ~~with this subsection and shall have the authority to adopt rules~~  
146 ~~to ensure the implementation of this section.~~

147 (3) TAX ON HANDLE.—Each permitholder shall pay a tax on  
148 contributions to pari-mutuel pools, the aggregate of which is  
149 hereinafter referred to as "handle," on races or games conducted  
150 by the permitholder. The tax is imposed daily and is based on  
151 the total contributions to all pari-mutuel pools conducted  
152 during the daily performance. If a permitholder conducts more  
153 than one performance daily, the tax is imposed on each  
154 performance separately.

155 (a) The tax on handle for quarter horse racing is 1.0



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156 percent of the handle.

157 (b)1. The tax on handle for dogracing is 1.28 ~~5.5~~ percent  
158 of the handle, ~~except that for live charity performances held~~  
159 ~~pursuant to s. 550.0351, and for intertrack wagering on such~~  
160 ~~charity performances at a guest greyhound track within the~~  
161 ~~market area of the host, the tax is 7.6 percent of the handle.~~

162 2. The tax on handle for jai alai is 7.1 percent of the  
163 handle.

164 (c)1. The tax on handle for intertrack wagering is 2.0  
165 percent of the handle if the host track is a horse track, 3.3  
166 percent if the host track is a harness track, 1.28 ~~5.5~~ percent  
167 if the host track is a dog track to be remitted by the guest  
168 track, and 7.1 percent if the host track is a jai alai fronton.  
169 The tax on handle for intertrack wagering is 0.5 percent if the  
170 host track and the guest track are thoroughbred permitholders or  
171 if the guest track is located outside the market area of a  
172 nongreyhound ~~the~~ host track and within the market area of a  
173 thoroughbred permitholder currently conducting a live race meet.  
174 The tax on handle for intertrack wagering on rebroadcasts of  
175 simulcast thoroughbred horseraces is 2.4 percent of the handle  
176 and 1.5 percent of the handle for intertrack wagering on  
177 rebroadcasts of simulcast harness horseraces. The tax shall be  
178 deposited into the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund.

179 2. If the host facility is a jai alai permitholder, the tax  
180 on handle for intertrack wagers is ~~accepted by any dog track~~  
181 ~~located in an area of the state in which there are only three~~  
182 ~~permitholders, all of which are greyhound permitholders, located~~  
183 ~~in three contiguous counties, from any greyhound permitholder~~  
184 ~~also located within such area or any dog track or jai alai~~



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185 ~~fronton located as specified in s. 550.615(6) or (9), on races~~  
186 ~~or games received from the same class of permitholder located~~  
187 ~~within the same market area is 3.9 percent if the host facility~~  
188 ~~is a greyhound permitholder and, if the host facility is a jai~~  
189 ~~alai permitholder, the rate shall be 6.1 percent except that it~~  
190 ~~shall be 2.3 percent on handle at such time as the total tax on~~  
191 ~~intertrack handle paid to the division by the permitholder~~  
192 ~~during the current state fiscal year exceeds the total tax on~~  
193 ~~intertrack handle paid to the division by the permitholder~~  
194 ~~during the 1992-1993 state fiscal year.~~

195 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, in  
196 order to protect the Florida jai alai industry, effective July  
197 1, 2000, a jai alai permitholder may not be taxed on live handle  
198 at a rate higher than 2 percent.

199 Section 6. Section 550.09514, Florida Statutes, is amended  
200 to read:

201 550.09514 Greyhound dogracing taxes; purse requirements.-

202 ~~(1) Wagering on greyhound racing is subject to a tax on~~  
203 ~~handle for live greyhound racing as specified in s. 550.0951(3).~~  
204 ~~However, each permitholder shall pay no tax on handle until such~~  
205 ~~time as this subsection has resulted in a tax savings per state~~  
206 ~~fiscal year of \$360,000. Thereafter, each permitholder shall pay~~  
207 ~~the tax as specified in s. 550.0951(3) on all handle for the~~  
208 ~~remainder of the permitholder's current race meet. For the three~~  
209 ~~permitholders that conducted a full schedule of live racing in~~  
210 ~~1995, and are closest to another state that authorizes greyhound~~  
211 ~~pari-mutuel wagering, the maximum tax savings per state fiscal~~  
212 ~~year shall be \$500,000. The provisions of this subsection~~  
213 ~~relating to tax exemptions shall not apply to any charity or~~





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214 ~~scholarship performances conducted pursuant to s. 550.0351.~~

215 (1)-(2)(a) The division shall determine for each greyhound  
216 permitholder the annual purse percentage rate of live handle for  
217 the state fiscal year 1993-1994 by dividing total purses paid on  
218 live handle by the permitholder, exclusive of payments made from  
219 outside sources, during the 1993-1994 state fiscal year by the  
220 permitholder's live handle for the 1993-1994 state fiscal year.  
221 A greyhound ~~Each~~ permitholder conducting live racing during a  
222 fiscal year shall pay as purses for such live races conducted  
223 during its current race meet a percentage of its live handle not  
224 less than the percentage determined under this paragraph,  
225 exclusive of payments made by outside sources, for its 1993-1994  
226 state fiscal year.

227 (b) Except as otherwise set forth herein, in addition to  
228 the minimum purse percentage required by paragraph (a), each  
229 greyhound permitholder conducting live racing during a fiscal  
230 year shall pay as purses an annual amount of \$60 for each live  
231 race conducted ~~equal to 75 percent of the daily license fees~~  
232 ~~paid by the greyhound~~ each permitholder in for the preceding  
233 ~~1994-1995~~ fiscal year. ~~This purse supplement shall be disbursed~~  
234 ~~weekly during the permitholder's race meet in an amount~~  
235 ~~determined by dividing the annual purse supplement by the number~~  
236 ~~of performances approved for the permitholder pursuant to its~~  
237 ~~annual license and multiplying that amount by the number of~~  
238 ~~performances conducted each week. For the greyhound~~  
239 ~~permitholders in the county where there are two greyhound~~  
240 ~~permitholders located as specified in s. 550.615(6), such~~  
241 ~~permitholders shall pay in the aggregate an amount equal to 75~~  
242 ~~percent of the daily license fees paid by such permitholders for~~



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243 ~~the 1994-1995 fiscal year. These permitholders shall be jointly~~  
244 ~~and severally liable for such purse payments.~~ The additional  
245 purses provided by this paragraph must be used exclusively for  
246 purses other than stakes and shall be disbursed weekly during  
247 the permitholder's race meet. The division shall conduct audits  
248 necessary to ensure compliance with this section.

249 (c)1. Each greyhound permitholder, l, when conducting at least  
250 three live performances during any week, l, shall pay purses in  
251 that week on wagers it accepts as a guest track on intertrack  
252 and simulcast greyhound races at the same rate as it pays on  
253 live races. Each greyhound permitholder, l, when conducting at  
254 least three live performances during any week, l, shall pay purses  
255 in that week, at the same rate as it pays on live races, on  
256 wagers accepted on greyhound races at a guest track which is not  
257 conducting live racing and is located within the same market  
258 area as the greyhound permitholder conducting at least three  
259 live performances during any week.

260 2. Each host greyhound permitholder shall pay purses on its  
261 simulcast and intertrack broadcasts of greyhound races to guest  
262 facilities that are located outside its market area in an amount  
263 equal to one quarter of an amount determined by subtracting the  
264 transmission costs of sending the simulcast or intertrack  
265 broadcasts from an amount determined by adding the fees received  
266 for greyhound simulcast races plus 3 percent of the greyhound  
267 intertrack handle at guest facilities that are located outside  
268 the market area of the host and that paid contractual fees to  
269 the host for such broadcasts of greyhound races.

270 (d) The division shall require sufficient documentation  
271 from each greyhound permitholder regarding purses paid on live



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272 racing to assure that the annual purse percentage rates paid by  
273 each greyhound permitholder conducting ~~on the~~ live races are not  
274 reduced below those paid during the 1993-1994 state fiscal year.  
275 The division shall require sufficient documentation from each  
276 greyhound permitholder conducting live races to assure that the  
277 purses paid by each permitholder on the greyhound intertrack and  
278 simulcast broadcasts are in compliance with the requirements of  
279 paragraph (c).

280 (e) In addition to the purse requirements of paragraphs  
281 (a)-(c), each greyhound permitholder conducting live races shall  
282 pay as purses an amount equal to one-third of the amount of the  
283 tax reduction on live and simulcast handle applicable to such  
284 permitholder as a result of the reductions in tax rates provided  
285 by s. 6 of chapter 2000-354, Laws of Florida ~~this act through~~  
286 ~~the amendments to s. 550.0951(3)~~. With respect to intertrack  
287 wagering when the host and guest tracks are greyhound  
288 permitholders not within the same market area, an amount equal  
289 to the tax reduction applicable to the guest track handle as a  
290 result of the reduction in tax rate provided by s. 6 of chapter  
291 2000-354, Laws of Florida, ~~this act through the amendment to s.~~  
292 ~~550.0951(3)~~ shall be distributed to the guest track, one-third  
293 of which amount shall be paid as purses at the guest track.  
294 However, if the guest track is a greyhound permitholder within  
295 the market area of the host or if the guest track is not a  
296 greyhound permitholder, an amount equal to such tax reduction  
297 applicable to the guest track handle shall be retained by the  
298 host track, one-third of which amount shall be paid as purses at  
299 the host track. These purse funds shall be disbursed in the week  
300 received if the permitholder conducts at least one live



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301 performance during that week. If the permitholder does not  
302 conduct at least one live performance during the week in which  
303 the purse funds are received, the purse funds shall be disbursed  
304 weekly during the permitholder's next race meet in an amount  
305 determined by dividing the purse amount by the number of  
306 performances approved for the permitholder pursuant to its  
307 annual license, and multiplying that amount by the number of  
308 performances conducted each week. The division shall conduct  
309 audits necessary to ensure compliance with this paragraph.

310 (f) Each greyhound permitholder conducting live racing  
311 shall, during the permitholder's race meet, supply kennel  
312 operators and the Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering with a weekly  
313 report showing purses paid on live greyhound races and all  
314 greyhound intertrack and simulcast broadcasts, including both as  
315 a guest and a host together with the handle or commission  
316 calculations on which such purses were paid and the transmission  
317 costs of sending the simulcast or intertrack broadcasts, so that  
318 the kennel operators may determine statutory and contractual  
319 compliance.

320 (g) Each greyhound permitholder conducting live racing  
321 shall make direct payment of purses to the greyhound owners who  
322 have filed with such permitholder appropriate federal taxpayer  
323 identification information based on the percentage amount agreed  
324 upon between the kennel operator and the greyhound owner.

325 (h) At the request of a majority of kennel operators under  
326 contract with a greyhound permitholder conducting live racing,  
327 the permitholder shall make deductions from purses paid to each  
328 kennel operator electing such deduction and shall make a direct  
329 payment of such deductions to the local association of greyhound



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330 kennel operators formed by a majority of kennel operators under  
331 contract with the permitholder. The amount of the deduction  
332 shall be at least 1 percent of purses, as determined by the  
333 local association of greyhound kennel operators. ~~No~~ Deductions  
334 may not be taken pursuant to this paragraph without a kennel  
335 operator's specific approval before or after the effective date  
336 of this act.

337 (2)~~(3)~~ For the purpose of this section, the term "live  
338 handle" means the handle from wagers placed at the  
339 permitholder's establishment on the live greyhound races  
340 conducted at the permitholder's establishment.

341 Section 7. Subsection (2) of section 550.1625, Florida  
342 Statutes, is amended to read:

343 550.1625 Dogracing; taxes.—

344 (2) A permitholder that conducts a dograce meet under this  
345 chapter must pay ~~the daily license fee,~~ the admission tax,~~the~~  
346 ~~breaks tax,~~ and the tax on pari-mutuel handle as provided in s.  
347 550.0951 and is subject to all penalties and sanctions provided  
348 in s. 550.0951(6).

349 Section 8. Section 550.1647, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

350 Section 9. Section 550.1648, Florida Statutes, is amended  
351 to read:

352 550.1648 Greyhound adoptions.—

353 ~~(1)~~ A Each dogracing permitholder conducting live racing at  
354 ~~operating~~ a dogracing facility in this state shall provide for a  
355 greyhound adoption booth to be located at the facility.

356 (1) The greyhound adoption booth must be operated on  
357 weekends by personnel or volunteers from a bona fide  
358 organization that promotes or encourages the adoption of



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359 greyhounds pursuant to s. 550.1647. Such bona fide organization,  
360 as a condition of adoption, must provide sterilization of  
361 greyhounds by a licensed veterinarian before relinquishing  
362 custody of the greyhound to the adopter. The fee for  
363 sterilization may be included in the cost of adoption. As used  
364 in this section, the term "weekend" includes the hours during  
365 which live greyhound racing is conducted on Friday, Saturday, or  
366 Sunday, and the term "bona fide organization that promotes or  
367 encourages the adoption of greyhounds" means an organization  
368 that provides evidence of compliance with chapter 496 and  
369 possesses a valid exemption from federal taxation issued by the  
370 Internal Revenue Service. Information pamphlets and application  
371 forms shall be provided to the public upon request.

372 (2) In addition, The kennel operator or owner shall notify  
373 the permitholder that a greyhound is available for adoption and  
374 the permitholder shall provide information concerning the  
375 adoption of a greyhound in each race program and shall post  
376 adoption information at conspicuous locations throughout the  
377 dogracing facility. Any greyhound that is participating in a  
378 race and that will be available for future adoption must be  
379 noted in the race program. The permitholder shall allow  
380 greyhounds to be walked through the track facility to publicize  
381 the greyhound adoption program.

382 ~~(2) In addition to the charity days authorized under s.~~  
383 ~~550.0351, a greyhound permitholder may fund the greyhound~~  
384 ~~adoption program by holding a charity racing day designated as~~  
385 ~~"Greyhound Adopt-A-Pet Day." All profits derived from the~~  
386 ~~operation of the charity day must be placed into a fund used to~~  
387 ~~support activities at the racing facility which promote the~~



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388 ~~adoption of greyhounds. The division may adopt rules for~~  
389 ~~administering the fund. Proceeds from the charity day authorized~~  
390 ~~in this subsection may not be used as a source of funds for the~~  
391 ~~purposes set forth in s. 550.1647.~~

392 (3) (a) Upon a violation of this section by a permitholder  
393 or licensee, the division may impose a penalty as provided in s.  
394 550.0251(10) and require the permitholder to take corrective  
395 action.

396 (b) A penalty imposed under s. 550.0251(10) does not  
397 exclude a prosecution for cruelty to animals or for any other  
398 criminal act.

399 Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section  
400 550.3551, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

401 550.3551 Transmission of racing and jai alai information;  
402 commingling of pari-mutuel pools.—

403 (6) (a) ~~A maximum of 20 percent of the total number of races~~  
404 ~~on which wagers are accepted by a greyhound permitholder not~~  
405 ~~located as specified in s. 550.615(6) may be received from~~  
406 ~~locations outside this state. A horseracing or a jai alai~~  
407 ~~permitholder may not conduct fewer than eight live races or~~  
408 ~~games on any authorized race day except as provided in this~~  
409 ~~subsection. A thoroughbred permitholder may not conduct fewer~~  
410 ~~than eight live races on any race day without the written~~  
411 ~~approval of the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' Association and~~  
412 ~~the Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association,~~  
413 ~~Inc., unless it is determined by the department that another~~  
414 ~~entity represents a majority of the thoroughbred racehorse~~  
415 ~~owners and trainers in the state. A harness permitholder may~~  
416 ~~conduct fewer than eight live races on any authorized race day,~~



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417 except that such permitholder must conduct a full schedule of  
418 live racing during its race meet consisting of at least eight  
419 live races per authorized race day for at least 100 days. Any  
420 harness ~~horse~~ permitholder that during the preceding racing  
421 season conducted a full schedule of live racing may, at any time  
422 during its current race meet, receive full-card broadcasts of  
423 harness horse races conducted at harness racetracks outside this  
424 state at the harness track of the permitholder and accept wagers  
425 on such harness races. With specific authorization from the  
426 division for special racing events, a permitholder may conduct  
427 fewer than eight live races or games when the permitholder also  
428 broadcasts out-of-state races or games. The division may not  
429 grant more than two such exceptions a year for a permitholder in  
430 any 12-month period, and those two exceptions may not be  
431 consecutive.

432 Section 11. A new subsection (11) is added to section  
433 550.615, Florida Statutes, to read:

434 550.615 Intertrack wagering.—

435 (11) A greyhound permitholder operating pursuant to a  
436 current year's operating license that specifies no live  
437 performances is qualified to accept wagers on live races  
438 conducted at out-of-state greyhound tracks only on the days when  
439 such permitholder receives a live race that a greyhound host  
440 track in this state makes available.

441 Section 12. Paragraph (g) of subsection (9) of section  
442 550.6305, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

443 550.6305 Intertrack wagering; guest track payments;  
444 accounting rules.—

445 (9) A host track that has contracted with an out-of-state





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446 horse track to broadcast live races conducted at such out-of-  
447 state horse track pursuant to s. 550.3551(5) may broadcast such  
448 out-of-state races to any guest track and accept wagers thereon  
449 in the same manner as is provided in s. 550.3551.

450 (g)1. Any thoroughbred permitholder which accepts wagers on  
451 a simulcast signal must make the signal available to any  
452 permitholder that is eligible to conduct intertrack wagering  
453 under the provisions of ss. 550.615-550.6345.

454 2. Any thoroughbred permitholder which accepts wagers on a  
455 simulcast signal received after 6 p.m. must make such signal  
456 available to any permitholder that is eligible to conduct  
457 intertrack wagering under the provisions of ss. 550.615-  
458 550.6345, including any permitholder located as specified in s.  
459 550.615(6). Such guest permitholders are authorized to accept  
460 wagers on such simulcast signal, notwithstanding any other  
461 provision of this chapter to the contrary.

462 3. Any thoroughbred permitholder which accepts wagers on a  
463 simulcast signal received after 6 p.m. must make such signal  
464 available to any permitholder that is eligible to conduct  
465 intertrack wagering under the provisions of ss. 550.615-  
466 ~~550.6345, including any permitholder located as specified in s.~~  
467 ~~550.615(9)~~. Such guest permitholders are authorized to accept  
468 wagers on such simulcast signals for a number of performances  
469 not to exceed that which constitutes a full schedule of live  
470 races for a quarter horse permitholder pursuant to s.  
471 550.002(11), notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter  
472 to the contrary, ~~except that the restrictions provided in s.~~  
473 ~~550.615(9) (a) apply to wagers on such simulcast signals.~~

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475 No thoroughbred permitholder shall be required to continue to  
476 rebroadcast a simulcast signal to any in-state permitholder if  
477 the average per performance gross receipts returned to the host  
478 permitholder over the preceding 30-day period were less than  
479 \$100. Subject to the provisions of s. 550.615(4), as a condition  
480 of receiving rebroadcasts of thoroughbred simulcast signals  
481 under this paragraph, a guest permitholder must accept  
482 intertrack wagers on all live races conducted by all then-  
483 operating thoroughbred permitholders.

484 Section 13. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section  
485 551.104, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

486 551.104 License to conduct slot machine gaming.—

487 (4) As a condition of licensure and to maintain continued  
488 authority for the conduct of slot machine gaming, the slot  
489 machine licensee shall:

490 (c) Conduct no fewer than a full schedule of live racing or  
491 games as defined in s. 550.002(11). A permitholder's  
492 responsibility to conduct such number of live races or games  
493 shall be reduced by the number of races or games that could not  
494 be conducted due to the direct result of fire, war, hurricane,  
495 or other disaster or event beyond the control of the  
496 permitholder. The live racing requirement in this paragraph does  
497 not apply to a greyhound permitholder operating pursuant to a  
498 current year's operating license issued by the division.

499 Section 14. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 551.114,  
500 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

501 551.114 Slot machine gaming areas.—

502 (2) The slot machine licensee shall display pari-mutuel  
503 races or games within the designated slot machine gaming areas



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504 and offer patrons within the designated slot machine gaming  
505 areas the ability to engage in pari-mutuel wagering on any live,  
506 intertrack, and simulcast races conducted or offered to patrons  
507 of the licensed facility.

508 (4) Designated slot machine gaming areas may be located  
509 within the current live gaming facility or in an existing  
510 building that must be contiguous and connected to the live  
511 gaming facility. If a designated slot machine gaming area is to  
512 be located in a building that is to be constructed, that new  
513 building must be contiguous and connected to the live gaming  
514 facility. For a greyhound permitholder authorized to conduct  
515 pari-mutuel gaming activities pursuant to a current year's  
516 operating license that specifies no live performances,  
517 designated slot machine gaming areas may be located only within  
518 the eligible facility for which the division issued the initial  
519 annual slot machine license.

520 Section 15. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (5) and  
521 paragraph (d) of subsection (13) of section 849.086, Florida  
522 Statutes, are amended to read:

523 849.086 Cardrooms authorized.—

524 (5) LICENSE REQUIRED; APPLICATION; FEES.—No person may  
525 operate a cardroom in this state unless such person holds a  
526 valid cardroom license issued pursuant to this section.

527 (a) Only those persons holding a valid cardroom license  
528 issued by the division may operate a cardroom. A cardroom  
529 license may only be issued to a licensed pari-mutuel  
530 permitholder. ~~and~~ An authorized cardroom may only be operated at  
531 the same facility at which the permitholder is authorized under  
532 its valid pari-mutuel wagering permit to conduct pari-mutuel



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533 wagering activities. An initial cardroom license shall be issued  
534 to a pari-mutuel permitholder only after its facilities are in  
535 place and after it conducts its first day of live racing or  
536 games or, for a greyhound permitholder, only after it has  
537 conducted a full schedule of live racing in each of the  
538 preceding 10 years or after it was converted pursuant to s.  
539 550.054(14).

540 (b) After the initial cardroom license is granted, the  
541 application for the annual license renewal shall be made in  
542 conjunction with the applicant's annual application for its  
543 pari-mutuel license. If a permitholder has operated a cardroom  
544 during any of the 3 previous fiscal years and fails to include a  
545 renewal request for the operation of the cardroom in its annual  
546 application for license renewal, the permitholder may amend its  
547 annual application to include operation of the cardroom. In  
548 order for a cardroom license to be renewed the applicant must  
549 have requested, as part of its pari-mutuel annual license  
550 application, to conduct at least 90 percent of the total number  
551 of live performances conducted by such permitholder during  
552 either the state fiscal year in which its initial cardroom  
553 license was issued or the state fiscal year immediately prior  
554 thereto if the permitholder ran at least a full schedule of live  
555 racing or games in the prior year. If the application is for a  
556 harness permitholder cardroom, the applicant must have requested  
557 authorization to conduct a minimum of 140 live performances  
558 during the state fiscal year immediately prior thereto. If more  
559 than one permitholder is operating at a facility, each  
560 permitholder must have applied for a license to conduct a full  
561 schedule of live racing. Notwithstanding the full schedule of



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562 live racing requirements in this paragraph, the division may  
563 approve an annual cardroom license renewal for a greyhound  
564 permitholder authorized to conduct pari-mutuel gaming activities  
565 pursuant to a current year's operating license that specifies no  
566 live performances, provided that such greyhound permitholder  
567 must conduct intertrack wagering on greyhound signals, to the  
568 extent available, on each day of cardroom operation.

569 (13) TAXES AND OTHER PAYMENTS.—

570 (d)1. Each greyhound permitholder conducting live racing  
571 and jai alai permitholder that operates a cardroom facility  
572 shall use at least 4 percent of such permitholder's cardroom  
573 monthly gross receipts to supplement greyhound purses, if any,  
574 or jai alai prize money, respectively, during the permitholder's  
575 current or next ensuing pari-mutuel meet.

576 2. Each thoroughbred and harness horse racing permitholder  
577 that operates a cardroom facility shall use at least 50 percent  
578 of such permitholder's cardroom monthly net proceeds as follows:  
579 47 percent to supplement purses and 3 percent to supplement  
580 breeders' awards during the permitholder's next ensuing racing  
581 meet.

582 3. A ~~No~~ cardroom license or renewal thereof may not ~~shall~~  
583 be issued to an applicant holding a permit under chapter 550 to  
584 conduct pari-mutuel wagering meets of quarter horse racing  
585 unless the applicant has on file with the division a binding  
586 written agreement between the applicant and the Florida Quarter  
587 Horse Racing Association or the association representing a  
588 majority of the horse owners and trainers at the applicant's  
589 eligible facility, governing the payment of purses on live  
590 quarter horse races conducted at the licensee's pari-mutuel



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591 facility. The agreement governing purses may direct the payment  
592 of such purses from revenues generated by any wagering or gaming  
593 the applicant is authorized to conduct under Florida law. All  
594 purses shall be subject to the terms of chapter 550.

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

597 And the title is amended as follows:

598 Delete line 11

599 and insert:

600 false statements on an injury form; amending s.  
601 550.01215, F.S.; authorizing a certain greyhound  
602 permitholder to specify in its annual license  
603 application that it does not intend to conduct live  
604 performances; extending the date by which a certain  
605 greyhound permitholder may amend its license; amending  
606 s. 550.0351, F.S.; deleting the requirement that the  
607 Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering authorize a dogracing  
608 permitholder to conduct charity or scholarship days;  
609 removing the authority of a dogracing permitholder to  
610 use its facility for "hound dog derbies" or "mutt  
611 derbies"; amending s. 550.054, F.S.; requiring a  
612 holder of a permit that was converted from jai alai to  
613 greyhound to apply for and conduct a full schedule of  
614 live racing in the first year following conversion;  
615 amending s. 550.0951, F.S.; removing the requirement  
616 that a greyhound permitholder pay a daily license fee  
617 on each event; removing a requirement that a greyhound  
618 permitholder receive a certain tax credit; removing  
619 the authority of a greyhound permitholder to elect to



620 transfer certain exemptions or credits; reducing the  
621 tax on handle for dogracing; conforming provisions to  
622 changes made by the act; reducing the tax rate on  
623 handle, and specifying one tax rate on handle, for  
624 intertrack wagering if the host track is a dog track;  
625 amending s. 550.09514, F.S.; removing certain  
626 provisions that prohibit tax on handle until a  
627 specified amount of tax savings have resulted;  
628 revising purse requirements of a greyhound  
629 permitholder that conducts live racing; amending s.  
630 550.1625, F.S.; removing the requirement that a  
631 greyhound permitholder pay the daily license fee or  
632 the breaks tax; repealing s. 550.1647, F.S., relating  
633 to greyhound permitholders, unclaimed tickets, and  
634 breaks; amending s. 550.1648, F.S.; requiring a  
635 greyhound permitholder that conducts live racing to  
636 provide a greyhound adoption booth at its facility;  
637 conforming a cross-reference to changes made by the  
638 act; defining the term "bona fide organization that  
639 promotes or encourages the adoption of greyhounds";  
640 requiring sterilization of greyhounds before adoption;  
641 removing provisions relating to charity racing days;  
642 amending s. 550.3551, F.S.; removing a provision that  
643 limits the number of out-of-state races on which  
644 wagers are accepted by a greyhound permitholder;  
645 removing a greyhound permitholder from a live racing  
646 requirement; amending s. 550.615, F.S.; limiting  
647 intertrack wagering for certain greyhound  
648 permitholders to specified days; amending s. 550.6305,



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649 F.S.; clarifying cross-references; amending s.  
650 551.104, F.S.; specifying that the live racing  
651 requirement to receive a license to conduct slot  
652 machine gaming does not apply to certain greyhound  
653 permitholders; amending s. 551.114, F.S.; authorizing  
654 certain greyhound permitholders to locate their slot  
655 machine gaming area in certain locations; amending s.  
656 849.086, F.S.; specifying conditions under which a  
657 greyhound permitholder may receive an initial cardroom  
658 license; specifying that certain greyhound  
659 permitholders are not required to conduct a minimum  
660 number of live races in order to maintain or renew a  
661 cardroom license; requiring certain greyhound  
662 permitholders to conduct intertrack wagering on  
663 greyhound signals to operate a cardroom;  
664 providing an