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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Agriculture (Rader) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. This act may be known and cited as the
"Greyhound Safety Act."

Section 2. Present subsections (12) and (13) of section
550.2415, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (13)
and (14), respectively, paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of that
section is amended, and new subsections (12) and (13) are added
to that section, to read:



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12 550.2415 Racing of animals under certain conditions
13 prohibited; penalties; exceptions.—

14 (1) (a) The racing of an animal that has been impermissibly
15 medicated or determined to have a prohibited substance present
16 is prohibited. It is a violation of this section for a person to
17 impermissibly medicate an animal or for an animal to have a
18 prohibited substance present resulting in a positive test for
19 such medications or substances based on samples taken from the
20 animal before or immediately after the racing of that animal. It
21 is a violation of this section for a greyhound to have anabolic
22 steroids present resulting in a positive test for such steroids
23 based on samples taken from the greyhound immediately after the
24 racing of that greyhound, unless such steroids are used for
25 birth control for the greyhound or the steroids are otherwise
26 prescribed by a veterinarian licensed in this state who
27 prescribed the steroids to treat an injury or an illness, and
28 the veterinarian is not employed by a greyhound permitholder.

29 Test results and the identities of the animals being tested and
30 of their trainers and owners of record are confidential and
31 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and from s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
32 Constitution for 10 days after testing of all samples collected
33 on a particular day has been completed and any positive test
34 results derived from such samples have been reported to the
35 director of the division or administrative action has been
36 commenced.

37 (12) All greyhound tracks must be maintained in a manner
38 consistent with providing for the safety of racing greyhounds,
39 including, but not limited to:

40 (a) Maintaining a safe track surface at all times pursuant



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41 to safety standards adopted by the division.

42 (b) Installing a safety device to remove the lure from the
43 racing surface.

44 (c) Insulating all exposed electrical wires on the track
45 and anywhere at the facility where racing greyhounds may come
46 into contact with electrical wires.

47 (13) The division has exclusive authority to regulate the
48 welfare of racing greyhounds in this state. This subsection
49 expressly preempts such regulation of the welfare of racing
50 greyhounds to the state and supersedes any municipal or county
51 ordinance on the subject.

52 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

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

55 And the title is amended as follows:

56 Delete everything before the enacting clause
57 and insert:

58 A bill to be entitled

59 An act relating to greyhound racing; providing a short
60 title; amending s. 550.2415, F.S.; providing that a
61 positive test result for anabolic steroids in certain
62 samples from a greyhound violates the prohibition on
63 the racing of animals that are impermissibly medicated
64 or determined to have a prohibited substance present;
65 providing exceptions; requiring greyhound tracks to be
66 maintained in a manner consistent with providing for
67 the safety of racing greyhounds; providing that tracks
68 must meet certain safety requirements; providing that
69 the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering has exclusive



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70 authority to regulate the welfare of racing greyhounds
71 in this state; preempting the regulation of the
72 welfare of racing greyhounds to the state; providing
73 that the preemption supersedes any municipal or county
74 ordinance on the subject; providing an effective date.