

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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Senators Jones, Garcia, Latvala, Dockery, Ring, Norman, Diaz de la Portilla, and Lynn moved the following:

## Senate Substitute for Amendment (116708) (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsections (11) and (25) of section 550.002, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

(11) "Full schedule of live racing or games" means, for a greyhound or jai alai permitholder, the conduct of a combination of at least 100 live evening or matinee performances during the preceding year; for a permitholder who has a converted permit or

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filed an application on or before June 1, 1990, for a converted permit, the conduct of a combination of at least 100 live evening and matinee wagering performances during either of the 2 preceding years; for a jai alai permitholder who does not operate slot machines in its pari-mutuel facility, who has conducted at least 100 live performances per year for at least 10 years after December 31, 1992, and whose handle on live jai alai games conducted at its pari-mutuel facility has been less than \$4 million per state fiscal year for at least 2 consecutive years after June 30, 1992, the conduct of a combination of at least 40 live evening or matinee performances during the preceding year; for a jai alai permitholder who operates slot machines in its pari-mutuel facility, the conduct of a combination of at least 150 performances during the preceding year; for a harness permitholder, the conduct of at least 100 live regular wagering performances during the preceding year; for a quarter horse permitholder at its facility unless an alternative schedule of at least 20 live regular wagering performances is agreed upon by the permitholder and either the Florida Quarter Horse Racing Association or the horsemen's association representing the majority of the quarter horse owners and trainers at the facility and filed with the division along with its annual date application, in the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the conduct of at least 20 regular wagering performances, in the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 fiscal years, the conduct of at least 30 live regular wagering performances, and for every fiscal year after the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the conduct of at least 40 live regular wagering performances; for a quarter horse permitholder leasing another licensed racetrack, the conduct of

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160 events at the leased facility; and for a thoroughbred permitholder, the conduct of at least 40 live regular wagering performances during the preceding year. For a permitholder which is restricted by statute to certain operating periods within the year when other members of its same class of permit are authorized to operate throughout the year, the specified number of live performances which constitute a full schedule of live racing or games shall be adjusted pro rata in accordance with the relationship between its authorized operating period and the full calendar year and the resulting specified number of live performances shall constitute the full schedule of live games for such permitholder and all other permitholders of the same class within 100 air miles of such permitholder. A live performance must consist of no fewer than eight races or games conducted live for each of a minimum of three performances each week at the permitholder's licensed facility under a single admission charge. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning with the 2011-2012 fiscal year, there shall be no minimum requirement of live performances for greyhound permitholders.

(25) "Performance" means a series of timed events, races, or games performed consecutively under a single admission charge.

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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division its application for a license to conduct pari-mutuel wagering activities performances during the next state fiscal year. Each application requesting live performances, if any, shall specify the number, dates, and starting times of all performances which the permitholder intends to conduct. It shall also specify which performances will be conducted as charity or scholarship performances. In addition, each application for a license shall include, for each permitholder which elects to operate a cardroom, the dates and periods of operation the permitholder intends to operate the cardroom or, for each thoroughbred permitholder which elects to receive or rebroadcast out-of-state races after 7 p.m., the dates for all performances which the permitholder intends to conduct. A greyhound permitholder may receive a license to conduct pari-mutuel wagering activities at a licensed greyhound facility pursuant to s. 550.475. Permitholders may shall be entitled to amend their applications through February 28 or, for applications by greyhound permitholders relating to the 2011-2012 fiscal year, through August 31, 2011.

Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (14) of section 550.054, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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(b) The division, upon application from the holder of a jai alai permit meeting all conditions of this section, shall convert the permit and shall issue to the permitholder a permit to conduct greyhound racing. A permitholder of a permit converted under this section shall be required to apply for and

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

Section 4. Subsection (1) and paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 550.0951, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 550.0951 Payment of daily license fee and taxes; penalties.-

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

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

(b) Each permitholder that cannot utilize the full amount of the exemption of \$360,000 or \$500,000 provided in s. 550.09514(1) or the daily license fee credit provided in this section may, at any time after notifying the division in writing, elect once per state fiscal year on a form provided by the division, elect to transfer such exemption or credit or any portion thereof to any greyhound permitholder which acts as a host track to such permitholder for the purpose of intertrack wagering. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the exemption of \$360,000 or \$500,000 provided in s. 550.09514(1),

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for each greyhound permitholder that does not conduct live racing shall be pooled for distribution to eligible greyhound permitholders in the current fiscal year and any portion of the exemptions provided in s. 550.09514(1) unused or not transferred by each greyhound permitholder that elects to conduct live racing shall be pooled for distribution to eligible greyhound permitholders in the following fiscal year. Each greyhound permitholder conducting at least 100 live performances of at least eight races during a fiscal year shall be eligible for an additional tax credit from the pool in an amount equal to the product of the respective permitholder's percentage share of live and intertrack wagering handle, excluding the live and intertrack wagering handle of permitholders that do not conduct live racing during the year in which the credits are distributed under subsection (3) during the preceding fiscal year and the total value of tax credits available in the pool. A greyhound permitholder conducting live racing shall use the credits provided in paragraph (a) and s. 550.1647 prior to the exemptions provided in s. 550.09514(1) for purposes of calculating the amount of unused exemptions. Once an election to transfer such exemption or credit is filed with the division, it shall not be rescinded. The division shall disapprove the transfer when the amount of the exemption or credit or portion thereof is unavailable to the transferring permitholder for any reason, including being unavailable because the transferring permitholder did not conduct at least 100 live performances of at least eight races during the fiscal year, or when the permitholder who is entitled to transfer the exemption or credit or who is entitled to receive the exemption or credit owes taxes

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to the state pursuant to a deficiency letter or administrative complaint issued by the division. Upon approval of the transfer by the division, the transferred tax exemption or credit shall be effective for the first performance of the next payment period as specified in subsection (5). The exemption or credit transferred to such host track may be applied by such host track against any taxes imposed by this chapter or daily license fees imposed by this chapter. The greyhound permitholder host track to which such exemption or credit is transferred shall reimburse such permitholder the exact monetary value of such transferred exemption or credit as actually applied against the taxes and daily license fees of the host track. The division shall ensure that all transfers of exemption or credit are made in accordance with this subsection and shall have the authority to adopt rules to ensure the implementation of this section.

(c) A greyhound permitholder that conducts at least 100 live performances of at least eight races during each of the 5 years after July 1, 2011; that subsequently elects to not conduct live racing; and that served as a host track for intertrack wagering in each of the 10 years preceding its election to not conduct live racing, or was converted pursuant to s. 550.054(14), is entitled to an annual tax credit for each year the greyhound permitholder conducted live racing after July 1, 2011, not to exceed 10 years, in an amount equal to the average tax credit received by the greyhound permitholder pursuant to paragraph (b) during the 3 years preceding the greyhound permitholder's election to not conduct live racing. The tax credit provided under this paragraph shall be deducted from the pool pursuant to paragraph (b) and may be applied

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against any taxes or fees imposed by this chapter or any taxes or fees imposed by s. 849.086.

- (3) TAX ON HANDLE.—Each permitholder shall pay a tax on contributions to pari-mutuel pools, the aggregate of which is hereinafter referred to as "handle," on races or games conducted by the permitholder. The tax is imposed daily and is based on the total contributions to all pari-mutuel pools conducted during the daily performance. If a permitholder conducts more than one performance daily, the tax is imposed on each performance separately.
- (c) 1. The tax on handle for intertrack wagering is 2.0 percent of the handle if the host track is a horse track, 3.3 percent if the host track is a harness track, 5.5 percent if the host track is a dog track, and 7.1 percent if the host track is a jai alai fronton. The tax on handle for intertrack wagering is 0.5 percent if the host track and the quest track are thoroughbred permitholders or if the guest track is located outside the market area of the host track and within the market area of a thoroughbred permitholder currently conducting a live race meet. The tax on handle for intertrack wagering on rebroadcasts of simulcast thoroughbred horseraces is 2.4 percent of the handle and 1.5 percent of the handle for intertrack wagering on rebroadcasts of simulcast harness horseraces. The tax shall be deposited into the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund.
- 2. The tax on handle for intertrack wagers accepted by any dog track located in an area of the state in which there are only three permitholders, all of which are greyhound permitholders, located in three contiquous counties, from any greyhound permitholder also located within such area or any dog



track or jai alai fronton located as specified in s. 550.615(6) or (8) (9), on races or games received from the same class of permitholder located within the same market area is 3.9 percent if the host facility is a greyhound permitholder and, if the host facility is a jai alai permitholder, the rate shall be 6.1 percent except that it shall be 2.3 percent on handle at such time as the total tax on intertrack handle paid to the division by the permitholder during the current state fiscal year exceeds the total tax on intertrack handle paid to the division by the permitholder during the 1992-1993 state fiscal year.

Section 5. Paragraphs (b), (c), and (e) of subsection (2) of section 550.09514, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 550.09514 Greyhound dogracing taxes; purse requirements.

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(b) Except as otherwise set forth herein, in addition to the minimum purse percentage required by paragraph (a), each permitholder conducting live racing during a fiscal year shall pay as purses an annual amount equal to 75 percent of the daily license fees paid by each permitholder for the 1994-1995 fiscal year. This purse supplement shall be disbursed weekly during the permitholder's race meet in an amount determined by dividing the annual purse supplement by the number of performances approved for the permitholder pursuant to its annual license and multiplying that amount by the number of performances conducted each week. For the greyhound permitholders in the county where there are two greyhound permitholders located as specified in s. 550.615(6), such permitholders shall pay in the aggregate an amount equal to 75 percent of the daily license fees paid by such permitholders for the 1994-1995 fiscal year. These

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permitholders shall be jointly and severally liable for such purse payments. The additional purses provided by this paragraph must be used exclusively for purses other than stakes. The division shall conduct audits necessary to ensure compliance with this section.

- (c)1. Each greyhound permitholder when conducting at least three live performances during any week shall pay purses in that week on wagers it accepts as a quest track on intertrack and simulcast greyhound races at the same rate as it pays on live races. Each greyhound permitholder when conducting at least three live performances during any week shall pay purses in that week, at the same rate as it pays on live races, on wagers accepted on greyhound races at a guest track which is not conducting live racing and is located within the same market area as the greyhound permitholder conducting at least three live performances during any week.
- 2. Each host greyhound permitholder shall pay purses on its simulcast and intertrack broadcasts of greyhound races to guest facilities that are located outside its market area in an amount equal to one quarter of an amount determined by subtracting the transmission costs of sending the simulcast or intertrack broadcasts from an amount determined by adding the fees received for greyhound simulcast races plus 3 percent of the greyhound intertrack handle at quest facilities that are located outside the market area of the host and that paid contractual fees to the host for such broadcasts of greyhound races. For guest greyhound permitholders not conducting live racing during a fiscal year and not subject to the purse requirements in subparagraph 1., 3 percent of the greyhound intertrack handle

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shall be paid to the host greyhound permitholder for payment of purses at the host track.

(e) In addition to the purse requirements of paragraphs (a)-(c), each greyhound permitholder shall pay as purses an amount equal to one-third of the amount of the tax reduction on live and simulcast handle applicable to such permitholder as a result of the reductions in tax rates provided by this act through the amendments to s. 550.0951(3) in chapter 2000-354, Laws of Florida. With respect to intertrack wagering when the host and quest tracks are greyhound permitholders not within the same market area, an amount equal to the tax reduction applicable to the guest track handle as a result of the reduction in tax rates rate provided by this act through the amendments amendment to s. 550.0951(3) in chapter 2000-354, Laws of Florida, shall be distributed to the guest track, one-third of which amount shall be paid as purses at the guest tracks conducting live racing track. However, if the guest track is a greyhound permitholder within the market area of the host or if the quest track is not a greyhound permitholder, an amount equal to such tax reduction applicable to the guest track handle shall be retained by the host track, one-third of which amount shall be paid as purses at the host track. These purse funds shall be disbursed in the week received if the permitholder conducts at least one live performance during that week. If the permitholder does not conduct at least one live performance during the week in which the purse funds are received, the purse funds shall be disbursed weekly during the permitholder's next race meet in an amount determined by dividing the purse amount by the number of performances approved for the permitholder pursuant to its

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Section 6. Subsection (9) of section 550.105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

550.105 Occupational licenses of racetrack employees; fees; denial, suspension, and revocation of license; penalties and fines.-

(9) The tax imposed by this section is in lieu of all license, excise, or occupational taxes to the state or any county, municipality, or other political subdivision, except that, if a race meeting or game is held or conducted in a municipality, the municipality may assess and collect an additional tax against any person conducting live racing or games within its corporate limits, which tax may not exceed \$150 per day for horseracing or \$50 per day for dogracing, simulcasts, intertrack wagering, cardroom games, or jai alai, up to the maximum of 100 days for dogracing facilities. This tax may be levied on simulcasts, intertrack wagering, and cardroom games only to the extent that the facility does not have an existing agreement with the municipality. Except as provided in this chapter, a municipality may not assess or collect any additional excise or revenue tax against any person conducting race meetings within the corporate limits of the municipality or against any patron of any such person.

Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 550.26165, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

550.26165 Breeders' awards.-

(1) The purpose of this section is to encourage the

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Section 8. Section 550.26352, Florida Statutes, is amended to read

550.26352 Breeders' Cup Meet; pools authorized; conflicts; taxes; credits; transmission of races; rules; application.-

(1) In order to support the long standing history and importance of Florida's thoroughbred industry and create incentives for continued job growth and economic development in this industry, the Legislature finds that the "Breeders' Cup World Championship of Horse Racing" is an important event that Florida should annually pursue as a host state. While Florida has been the host of the Breeders' Cup World Championship in the past, as of 2011 the Legislature finds that no thoroughbred track in this state presently meets the facility-related requirements of the sponsor of the Breeders' Cup World Championship. The Breeders' Cup World Championship is estimated to create tens of millions of dollars in economic development

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and sustain hundreds of jobs in the horse industry of the state that hosts the event. The Legislature finds that preserving the rich history of Florida's horse racing industry and fostering additional economic development and jobs in Florida's horse industry are public purposes worthy of providing the incentives provided to induce current horse racing permitholders to upgrade their facilities to accommodate the requirements of the Breeders' Cup World Championship so that the Breeders' Cup World Championship may return to Florida. In furtherance of these objectives, the Legislature hereby creates the Breeders' Cup Permit to be operated exclusively at a Florida racetrack venue capable of hosting the Breeders' Cup World Championship. (2) (a) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, there is hereby created a special thoroughbred race meet which shall be designated as the "Breeders' Cup Meet." The Breeders' Cup Meet shall be conducted at the facility of the Florida permitholder selected by Breeders' Cup Limited to conduct the Breeders' Cup Meet. The Breeders' Cup Meet shall consist of 3 days: the day on which the Breeders' Cup races are conducted, the preceding day, and the subsequent day. Upon the selection of the Florida permitholder as host for the Breeders' Cup Meet and application by the selected permitholder, the division shall issue a license to the selected permitholder to operate the Breeders' Cup Meet. Notwithstanding s. 550.09515(2)(a), the Breeders' Cup Meet may be conducted on dates which the selected permitholder is not otherwise authorized to conduct a race meet. The Breeders' Cup Meet shall

Championship series of horse races are first conducted and shall

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(b) There is hereby created a thoroughbred horse racing permit designated as the "Breeders' Cup Permit" that shall authorize the holder to operate the Breeders' Cup Meet. In order to provide for consistency and certainty in the annual racing schedule, the Breeders' Cup Meet shall be conducted annually at the facility of the holder of the Breeders' Cup Permit irrespective of whether the annual Breeders' Cup World Championship series of horse races is conducted live at the facility of the holder of the Breeders' Cup Permit in any particular year. The holder of the Breeders' Cup Permit shall comply with the requirements of s. 550.01215 with regard to application for an annual license to conduct the Breeders' Cup Meet, which license shall be issued by the division as otherwise provided in s. 550.01215. The provisions of this chapter relating to referendum requirements for the issuance of a parimutuel permit or which otherwise impose mileage limitations on the location of a new pari-mutuel permit shall not apply to the permit created by this section, any contrary provision of law notwithstanding. The restrictions imposed by s. 550.5251(2) shall not apply to the holder of the Breeders' Cup Permit or any other thoroughbred permitholder within its market area.

(c) There shall be only one Breeders' Cup Permit authorized by this section. Applications for issuance of the Breeders' Cup Permit shall be filed with the division on or before September 1, 2011. Any holder of a horseracing permit issued by the division is eligible to apply. If only one eligible applicant applies for the Breeders' Cup Permit, then the division shall



477 issue the Permit to that applicant no later than October 1, 478 2011. If more than one application is submitted seeking issue of 479 the Breeders' Cup permit, then the division shall determine 480 which applicant shall be issued the Breeders' Cup Permit. In 481 making its determination, the division shall issue the Breeders' 482 Cup Permit to the applicant demonstrating superior capabilities 483 to conduct an international racing event of the magnitude of the 484 Breeders' Cup World Championship, as measured by the 485 demonstrated ability of the applicant's facility to accommodate 486 attendance in excess of 30,000 patrons, the capacity to add 487 additional seating to accommodate the average attendance at the 488 prior 5 Breeders' Cup World Championship events, adequate 489 parking lot capacity, superior facility characteristics such as 490 quality of the racing surfaces and amenities for the patrons, 491 the historical significance of the applicant in the 492 establishment of the horse racing industry in Florida, and 493 superior public transportation servicing the applicant's 494 facility. The division shall make a final determination with 495 regard to the competing applications on or before December 31, 496 2011. However, if, on or before October 1, 2011, any of the 497 applicants requests that the division's determination be 498 postponed until June 1, 2012 in order to give that applicant an 499 opportunity to make the capital improvements to its facility 500 necessary to achieve an attendance capacity equal to the average 501 attendance at the prior 5 Breeders' Cup World Championship 502 events and to construct other capital improvements otherwise 503 applicable to the stated criteria, and such request is supported 504 by executed construction contracts to accomplish the improvements, then the division shall postpone its determination 505

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until June 1, 2012, by which date the division shall make its final determination.

(3) (2) The permitholder conducting the Breeders' Cup Meet is specifically authorized to create pari-mutuel pools during the Breeders' Cup Meet by accepting pari-mutuel wagers on the thoroughbred horse races run during said meet.

(4) (4) (3) If the permitholder has been selected to conduct conducting the Breeders' Cup World Championship and Meet is located within 35 miles of one or more permitholders scheduled to conduct a thoroughbred race meet on any of the 2 - 3 days of the Breeders' Cup World Championship, Meet, then operation on any of those 2 + 3 days by the other permitholders is prohibited. As compensation for the loss of racing days caused thereby, such operating permitholders shall receive a credit against the taxes otherwise due and payable to the state under ss. 550.0951 and 550.09515. This credit shall be in an amount equal to the operating loss determined to have been suffered by the operating permitholders as a result of not operating on the prohibited racing days, but shall not exceed a total of \$950,000. The determination of the amount to be credited shall be made by the division upon application by the operating permitholder. The tax credits provided in this subsection shall not be available unless an operating permitholder is required to close a bona fide meet consisting in part of no fewer than 10 scheduled performances in the 15 days immediately preceding or 10 scheduled performances in the 15 days immediately following the Breeders' Cup World Championship Meet. Such tax credit shall be in lieu of any other compensation or consideration for the loss of racing days. There shall be no replacement or makeup of any



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(5) (4) Notwithstanding any provision of ss. 550.0951 and 550.09515, if the permitholder has been selected to conduct conducting the Breeders' Cup World Championship, Meet the Breeders' Cup permitholder shall pay no taxes on the handle included within the pari-mutuel pools of said permitholder for the day or days upon which the races sponsored by the Breeders' Cup World Championship are conducted live at the facility of the holder of during the Breeders' Cup Permit Meet.

(6) <del>(5)</del> If the <del>The</del> permitholder is selected to conduct conducting the Breeders' Cup World Championship, Meet the permitholder shall receive a credit against the taxes otherwise due and payable to the state under ss. 550.0951 and 550.09515 generated during the Breeders' Cup World Championship said permitholder's next ensuing regular thoroughbred race meet. This credit shall be in an amount not to exceed \$950,000 and shall be utilized by the permitholder to pay the purses offered by the permitholder during the Breeders' Cup World Championship Meet in excess of the purses which the permitholder is otherwise required by law to pay. The amount to be credited shall be determined by the division upon application of the permitholder which is subject to audit by the division.

(7) (6) If the The permitholder is selected to conduct conducting the Breeders' Cup World Championship, Meet the permitholder shall receive a credit against the taxes otherwise due and payable to the state under ss. 550.0951 and 550.09515 generated during the Breeders' Cup World Championship said permitholder's next ensuing regular thoroughbred race meet. This credit shall be in an amount not to exceed \$950,000 and shall be

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utilized by the permitholder for such capital improvements and extraordinary expenses as may be necessary for operation of the Breeders' Cup World Championship Meet. The amount to be credited shall be determined by the division upon application of the permitholder which is subject to audit by the division.

 $(8) \frac{(7)}{(7)}$  If the The permitholder is selected to conduct conducting the Breeders' Cup World Championship, Meet the permitholder shall be exempt from the payment of purses and other payments to horsemen on all on-track, intertrack, interstate, and international wagers or rights fees or payments arising therefrom for all races for which the purse is paid or supplied by Breeders' Cup World Championship Limited. The permitholder conducting the Breeders' Cup World Championship Meet shall not, however, be exempt from breeders' awards payments for on-track and intertrack wagers as provided in ss. 550.2625(3) and 550.625(2)(a) for races in which the purse is paid or supplied by Breeders' Cup World Championship Limited.

 $(9) \frac{(8)}{(8)}$  (a) Pursuant to s. 550.3551(2), the permitholder conducting the Breeders' Cup World Championship Meet is authorized to transmit broadcasts of the races conducted during the Breeders' Cup World Championship Meet to locations outside of this state for wagering purposes. The division may approve broadcasts to pari-mutuel permitholders and other betting systems authorized under the laws of any other state or country. Wagers accepted by any out-of-state pari-mutuel permitholder or betting system on any races broadcast under this section may be, but are not required to be, commingled with the pari-mutuel pools of the permitholder conducting the Breeders' Cup World Championship Meet. The calculation of any payoff on national

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pari-mutuel pools with commingled wagers may be performed by the permitholder's totalisator contractor at a location outside of this state. Pool amounts from wagers placed at pari-mutuel facilities or other betting systems in foreign countries before being commingled with the pari-mutuel pool of the Florida permitholder conducting the Breeders' Cup World Championship Meet shall be calculated by the totalisator contractor and transferred to the commingled pool in United States currency in cycles customarily used by the permitholder. Pool amounts from wagers placed at any foreign pari-mutuel facility or other betting system shall not be commingled with a Florida pool until a determination is made by the division that the technology utilized by the totalisator contractor is adequate to assure commingled pools will result in the calculation of accurate payoffs to Florida bettors. Any totalisator contractor at a location outside of this state shall comply with the provisions of s. 550.495 relating to totalisator licensing.

- (b) The permitholder conducting the Breeders' Cup Meet is authorized to transmit broadcasts of the races conducted during the Breeders' Cup Meet to other pari-mutuel facilities located in this state for wagering purposes; however, the permitholder conducting the Breeders' Cup Meet shall not be required to transmit broadcasts to any pari-mutuel facility located within 25 miles of the facility at which the Breeders' Cup Meet is conducted.
- (c) The permitholder conducting the Breeders' Cup Meet and any other licensed thoroughbred permitholder within its market area is authorized at any time to receive broadcasts of the races from horse tracks located outside of this state for



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(10) (9) The exemption from the tax credits provided in subsections (4), (6), and (7), (5), and (6), shall not be granted and shall not be claimed by the affected permitholder until an audit is completed by the division. The division is required to complete the audit within 30 days of receipt of the necessary documentation from the permitholder to verify the permitholder's claim for tax credits. If the documentation submitted by the permitholder is incomplete or is insufficient to document the permitholder's claim for tax credits, the division may request such additional documentation as is necessary to complete the audit. Upon receipt of the division's written request for additional documentation, the 30-day time limitation will commence anew. The permitholder shall be entitled to apply the tax credits authorized in this section against the taxes otherwise due during the permitholder's next ensuing race meet or meets or other taxes otherwise payable by the permitholder to the division under chapters 550, 551, or 849, F.S., until the credit is fully applied.

(11) The division is authorized to adopt such rules as are necessary to facilitate the conduct of the Breeders' Cup Meet and Breeders' Cup World Championship events as authorized in this section. Included within this grant of authority shall be the adoption or waiver of rules regarding the overall conduct of racing during the Breeders' Cup World Championship Meet so as to ensure the integrity of the races, licensing for all participants, special stabling and training requirements for foreign horses, commingling of pari-mutuel pools, and audit requirements for tax credits and other benefits.

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- (12) (11) Any dispute between the division and any permitholder regarding the tax credits authorized under subsections (4), (6), or (7), subsection (5), or subsection (6) shall be determined by a hearing officer of the Division of Administrative Hearings under the provisions of s. 120.57(1).
- (13) Upon the issuance of the Breeders' Cup Permit, the permit shall not be subject to revocation, suspension, or escheatment, except as otherwise provided in this chapter for the revocation, suspension, or escheatment of thoroughbred permits generally.
- (14) (14) The provisions of this section shall prevail over any conflicting provisions of this chapter.
- Section 9. Section 550.475, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 550.475 Lease of pari-mutuel facilities by pari-mutuel permitholders.-Holders of valid pari-mutuel permits for the conduct of any jai alai games, dogracing, or thoroughbred and standardbred horse racing in this state are entitled to lease any and all of their facilities to any other holder of a same class valid pari-mutuel permit for jai alai games, dogracing, or thoroughbred or standardbred horse racing, when located within a 35-mile radius of each other; and such lessee is entitled to a permit and license to operate its race meet or jai alai games at the leased premises.
- Section 10. Section 550.615, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 550.615 Intertrack wagering.-
- (1) Any horserace permitholder licensed under this chapter which has conducted a full schedule of live racing may, at any

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time, receive broadcasts of horseraces and accept wagers on horseraces conducted by horserace permitholders licensed under this chapter at its facility.

- (2) A Any track or fronton licensed under this chapter which conducted a full schedule of live racing or games which in the preceding year, any greyhound permitholder that has held an annual license to conduct pari-mutuel wagering activities in each of the preceding 10 years, or any greyhound permitholder converted pursuant to s. 550.054(14) conducted a full schedule of live racing is qualified to, at any time, receive broadcasts of any class of pari-mutuel race or game and accept wagers on such races or games conducted by any class of permitholders licensed under this chapter.
- (3) If a permitholder elects to broadcast its signal to any permitholder in this state, any permitholder that is eligible to conduct intertrack wagering under the provisions of ss. 550.615-550.6345 is entitled to receive the broadcast and conduct intertrack wagering under this section; provided, however, that the host track may require a quest track within 25 miles of another permitholder to receive in any week at least 60 percent of the live races that the host track is making available on the days that the quest track is otherwise operating live races or games. A host track may require a guest track not operating live races or games and within 25 miles of another permitholder to accept within any week at least 60 percent of the live races that the host track is making available. A person may not restrain or attempt to restrain any permitholder that is otherwise authorized to conduct intertrack wagering from receiving the signal of any other permitholder or sending its



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- (4) In no event shall any intertrack wager be accepted on the same class of live races or games of any permitholder without the written consent of such operating permitholders conducting the same class of live races or games if the guest track is within the market area of such operating permitholder. A greyhound permitholder that accepts intertrack wagers on live greyhound signals is not required to obtain such written consent from any operating greyhound permitholder within its market area.
- (5) No permitholder within the market area of the host track shall take an intertrack wager on the host track without the consent of the host track.
- (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (3), in any area of the state where there are three or more horserace permitholders within 25 miles of each other, intertrack wagering between permitholders in said area of the state shall only be authorized under the following conditions: Any permitholder, other than a thoroughbred permitholder, may accept intertrack wagers on races or games conducted live by a permitholder of the same class or any harness permitholder located within such area and any harness permitholder may accept wagers on games conducted live by any jai alai permitholder located within its market area and from a jai alai permitholder located within the area specified in this subsection when no jai alai permitholder located within its market area is conducting live jai alai performances; any greyhound or jai alai permitholder may receive broadcasts of and accept wagers on any permitholder of the other class provided that a permitholder, other than the host track,

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of such other class is not operating a contemporaneous live performance within the market area.

(7) In any county of the state where there are only two permits, one for dogracing and one for jai alai, no intertrack wager may be taken during the period of time when a permitholder is not licensed to conduct live races or games without the written consent of the other permitholder that is conducting live races or games. However, if neither permitholder is conducting live races or games, either permitholder may accept intertrack wagers on horseraces or on the same class of races or games, or on both horseraces and the same class of races or games as is authorized by its permit.

(7) (8) In any three contiguous counties of the state where there are only three permitholders, all of which are greyhound permitholders, If any greyhound permitholder leases the facility of another greyhound permitholder for the purpose of conducting all or any portion of the conduct of its live race meet pursuant to s. 550.475, such lessee may conduct intertrack wagering at its pre-lease permitted facility throughout the entire year, including while its race <del>live</del> meet is being conducted at the leased facility, if such permitholder has conducted a full schedule of live racing during the preceding fiscal year at its pre-lease permitted facility or at a leased facility, or combination thereof.

(8) (8) (9) In any two contiguous counties of the state in which there are located only four active permits, one for thoroughbred horse racing, two for greyhound dogracing, and one for jai alai games, no intertrack wager may be accepted on the same class of live races or games of any permitholder without the written

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consent of such operating permitholders conducting the same class of live races or games if the guest track is within the market area of such operating permitholder.

(9) (10) All costs of receiving the transmission of the broadcasts shall be borne by the guest track; and all costs of sending the broadcasts shall be borne by the host track.

Section 11. Paragraph (g) of subsection (9) of section 550.6305, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

550.6305 Intertrack wagering; guest track payments; accounting rules.-

- (9) A host track that has contracted with an out-of-state horse track to broadcast live races conducted at such out-ofstate horse track pursuant to s. 550.3551(5) may broadcast such out-of-state races to any guest track and accept wagers thereon in the same manner as is provided in s. 550.3551.
- (g)1. Any thoroughbred permitholder which accepts wagers on a simulcast signal must make the signal available to any permitholder that is eligible to conduct intertrack wagering under the provisions of ss. 550.615-550.6345.
- 2. Any thoroughbred permitholder which accepts wagers on a simulcast signal received after 6 p.m. must make such signal available to any permitholder that is eligible to conduct intertrack wagering under the provisions of ss. 550.615-550.6345, including any permitholder located as specified in s. 550.615(6). Such guest permitholders are authorized to accept wagers on such simulcast signal, notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary.
- 3. Any thoroughbred permitholder which accepts wagers on a simulcast signal received after 6 p.m. must make such signal



available to any permitholder that is eligible to conduct intertrack wagering under the provisions of ss. 550.615-550.6345, including any permitholder located as specified in s. 550.615(8) s. 550.615(9). Such quest permitholders are authorized to accept wagers on such simulcast signals for a number of performances not to exceed that which constitutes a full schedule of live races for a quarter horse permitholder pursuant to s. 550.002(11), notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, except that the restrictions provided in s.  $550.615(8)(a) = \frac{550.615(9)(a)}{a}$  apply to wagers on such simulcast signals.

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

Section 12. Subsection (1) of section 550.6308, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

550.6308 Limited intertrack wagering license.—In recognition of the economic importance of the thoroughbred breeding industry to this state, its positive impact on tourism, and of the importance of a permanent thoroughbred sales facility as a key focal point for the activities of the industry, a limited license to conduct intertrack wagering is established to



ensure the continued viability and public interest in thoroughbred breeding in Florida.

- (1) Upon application to the division on or before January 31 of each year, any person that is licensed to conduct public sales of thoroughbred horses pursuant to s. 535.01, that has conducted at least 10  $\frac{15}{10}$  days of thoroughbred horse sales at a permanent sales facility in this state for at least 3 consecutive years, and that has conducted at least 1 day of nonwagering thoroughbred racing in this state, with a purse structure of at least \$250,000 per year for 2 consecutive years before such application, shall be issued a license, subject to the conditions set forth in this section, to conduct intertrack wagering at such a permanent sales facility during the following periods:
  - (a) Up to 21 days in connection with thoroughbred sales;
  - (b) Between November 1 and May 8;
- (c) Between May 9 and October 31 at such times and on such days as any thoroughbred, jai alai, or a greyhound permitholder in the same county is not conducting live performances; provided that any such permitholder may waive this requirement, in whole or in part, and allow the licensee under this section to conduct intertrack wagering during one or more of the permitholder's live performances; and
- (d) During the weekend of the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness, the Belmont, and a Breeders' Cup Meet that is conducted before November 1 and after May 8.

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track for which a thoroughbred permitholder's track has submitted a timely and valid application for a license to conduct live performances during the year, unless that permitholder consents to issuance of the license under this section.

Section 13. Subsection (3) of section 550.3345, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

550.3345 Conversion of quarter horse permit to a limited thoroughbred permit.-

(3) Unless otherwise provided in this section, after conversion, the permit and the not-for-profit corporation shall be treated under the laws of this state as a thoroughbred permit and as a thoroughbred permitholder, respectively, with the exception of s. 550.09515(3); provided however, a full schedule of live racing for a not-for-profit thoroughbred permitholder shall be 5 live regular wagering performances.

Section 14. Subsection (2) of section 550.5251, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

550.5251 Florida thoroughbred racing; certain permits; operating days.-

(2) A thoroughbred racing permitholder may not begin any race later than 9 7 p.m. Any thoroughbred permitholder in a county in which the authority for cardrooms has been approved by the board of county commissioners may operate a cardroom and, when conducting live races during its current race meet, may receive and rebroadcast out-of-state races after the hour of 7 p.m. on any day during which the permitholder conducts live races.

Section 15. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section

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551.104, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

551.104 License to conduct slot machine gaming.-

- (4) As a condition of licensure and to maintain continued authority for the conduct of slot machine gaming, the slot machine licensee shall:
- (c) Conduct no fewer than a full schedule of live racing or games as defined in s. 550.002(11), except for holders of greyhound permits that do not have a live racing requirement. A permitholder's responsibility to conduct such number of live races or games shall be reduced by the number of races or games that could not be conducted due to the direct result of fire, war, hurricane, or other disaster or event beyond the control of the permitholder.

Section 16. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 551.114, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

551.114 Slot machine gaming areas.

- (2) The slot machine licensee shall display pari-mutuel races or games within the designated slot machine gaming areas and offer patrons within the designated slot machine gaming areas the ability to engage in pari-mutuel wagering on any live, intertrack, and simulcast races conducted or offered to patrons of the licensed facility.
- (4) Designated slot machine gaming areas may be located within the current live gaming facility or in an existing building that must be contiguous and connected to the live gaming facility, if applicable. If a designated slot machine gaming area is to be located in a building that is to be constructed, that new building must be contiguous and connected to the live gaming facility.

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Section 17. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (5) and paragraph (d) of subsection (13) of section 849.086, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

849.086 Cardrooms authorized.-

- (5) LICENSE REQUIRED; APPLICATION; FEES.—No person may operate a cardroom in this state unless such person holds a valid cardroom license issued pursuant to this section.
- (a) Only those persons holding a valid cardroom license issued by the division may operate a cardroom. A cardroom license may only be issued to a licensed pari-mutuel permitholder and an authorized cardroom may only be operated at the same facility at which the permitholder is authorized under its valid pari-mutuel wagering permit to conduct pari-mutuel wagering activities. An initial cardroom license shall be issued to a pari-mutuel permitholder only after its facilities are in place and after it conducts its first day of live racing or games or, for a greyhound permitholder, only after it has conducted a full schedule of live racing in each of the preceding 10 years or after it was converted pursuant to s. 550.054(14). A new cardroom license may not be issued in an area unless the local government has approved of such activity within its boundaries in accordance with subsection (16).
- (b) After the initial cardroom license is granted, the application for the annual license renewal shall be made in conjunction with the applicant's annual application for its pari-mutuel license. If a permitholder has operated a cardroom during any of the 3 previous fiscal years and fails to include a renewal request for the operation of the cardroom in its annual application for license renewal, the permitholder may amend its

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annual application to include operation of the cardroom. Except for greyhound permitholders, in order for a cardroom license to be renewed the applicant must have requested, as part of its pari-mutuel annual license application, to conduct at least 90 percent of the total number of live performances conducted by such permitholder during either the state fiscal year in which its initial cardroom license was issued or the state fiscal year immediately prior thereto if the permitholder ran at least a full schedule of live racing or games in the prior year. If the application is for a thoroughbred permitholder, the applicant must have requested to conduct at least 80 percent of the total number of live performances conducted by such a permitholder in the 2010-2011 state fiscal year or a lesser amount which has been agreed upon in writing by both the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' Association and the association representing a majority of the horse owners and trainers at the applicant's facility. If the application is for a harness permitholder cardroom, the applicant must have requested authorization to conduct a minimum of 140 live performances during the state fiscal year immediately prior thereto. If more than one permitholder is operating at a facility, each permitholder must have applied for a license to conduct a full schedule of live racing. However, a minimum number of requested or conducted live performances is not required for a greyhound permitholder to maintain or renew a cardroom license.

- (13) TAXES AND OTHER PAYMENTS.-
- (d) 1. Each greyhound and jai alai permitholder that operates a cardroom facility shall use at least 4 percent of such permitholder's cardroom monthly gross receipts to

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supplement greyhound purses if live racing is conducted during a fiscal year, or jai alai prize money, respectively, during the permitholder's current or next ensuing pari-mutuel meet.

- 2. Each thoroughbred and harness horse racing permitholder that operates a cardroom facility shall use at least 50 percent of such permitholder's cardroom monthly net proceeds as follows: 47 percent to supplement purses and 3 percent to supplement breeders' awards during the permitholder's next ensuing racing meet.
- 3. No cardroom license or renewal thereof shall be issued to an applicant holding a permit under chapter 550 to conduct pari-mutuel wagering meets of quarter horse racing unless the applicant has on file with the division a binding written agreement between the applicant and the Florida Quarter Horse Racing Association or the association representing a majority of the horse owners and trainers at the applicant's eligible facility, governing the payment of purses on live quarter horse races conducted at the licensee's pari-mutuel facility. The agreement governing purses may direct the payment of such purses from revenues generated by any wagering or gaming the applicant is authorized to conduct under Florida law. All purses shall be subject to the terms of chapter 550.

Section 18. The Office of Program Policy and Governmental Accountability shall conduct a study on advance deposit wagering on thoroughbred races. The purpose of the study is to determine the extent of advance deposit wagering activity originating in Florida and its impact, if any, on wagering activity at licensed pari-mutuel facilities in this state. The study shall determine the capacity of account wagering systems to identify the



location of account holders when the system is accessed for wagering purposes; how many persons use advance deposit wagering accounts to make advance deposit wagers originating in Florida; how many of these accounts are ascribed to Florida residents; how much money is wagered through these accounts on thoroughbred races conducted at Florida thoroughbred tracks and on thoroughbred races conducted at racetracks in other jurisdictions; and the impact of advance deposit wagering on thoroughbred purses and breeders' awards in this state. The Office of Program Policy and Governmental Accountability shall report its findings to the Legislature no later than December 15, 2011.

Section 19. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to pari-mutuel permitholders; amending s. 550.002, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "full schedule of live racing or games"; prohibiting a minimum requirement of live performances for greyhound permitholders; amending s. 550.01215, F.S.; revising the requirements for an application for a license to conduct performances; extending the period of time allowed to amend certain applications; amending s. 550.054, F.S.; removing a requirement for holders of certain converted permits to conduct a full schedule

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of live racing to qualify for certain tax credits; amending s. 550.0951, F.S.; revising provisions relating to a transfer by a permitholder of a tax exemption or license fee credit to a greyhound permitholder; revising provisions relating to the tax on handle for dogracing and intertrack wagering; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 550.09514, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the purse requirements for greyhound racing and for the payment of purses; amending s. 550.105, F.S.; revising provisions relating to municipal taxes for dogracing facilities; amending s. 550.26165, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference to changes made by the act; amending s. 550.26352, F.S.; providing findings; revising provisions regarding the Breeders' Cup World Championship; creating a Breeders' Cup Permit; providing for the application for the permit; exempting the permit from certain provisions; providing deadlines for the application; providing criteria; clarifying certain tax credits for the Breeders' Cup World Championship; providing for outof-state broadcasts of races; providing for revocation, suspension, or escheatment of permit; amending s. 550.475, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the leasing of pari-mutuel facilities by pari-mutuel permitholders; amending s. 550.615, F.S.; revising provisions relating to intertrack wagering; amending s. 550.6305, F.S.; conforming crossreferences; amending s. 550.6308, F.S.; revising

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provisions relating to limited intertrack wagering license; amending s. 550.5251, F.S.; revising thoroughbred racing hours of operation; amending s. 551.104, F.S.; revising a condition of licensure for the conduct of slot machine gaming; amending s. 551.114, F.S.; revising the requirements for designated slot machine gaming areas; amending s. 849.086, F.S.; revising the requirements for initial and renewal issuance of a cardroom license to a greyhound permitholder; providing that a corresponding pari-mutuel license application or a minimum number of live performances is not required for a greyhound permitholder to maintain or renew a cardroom license; revising the requirements for renewal issuance of a cardroom license to a thoroughbred permitholder; providing for a study of advance deposit wagering on thoroughbred races by the Office of Program Policy and Governmental Accountability; providing an effective date.