

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Regulated Industries Committee

BILL: SB 382

INTRODUCER: Senator Sachs

SUBJECT: Greyhound Racing

DATE: January 23, 2012 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Harrington	Imhof	RI	Pre-meeting
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I. Summary:

The bill deletes the live racing requirements for greyhound permitholders. It extends the deadline for greyhound permitholders for applying to the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering (division) of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (department) for the live racing dates, allowing greyhound permitholders time to amend their completed applications and remove or reduce their live racing schedule.

The bill pools the unused tax credits that result from some greyhound permitholders electing not to conduct live racing. These pooled credits are distributed on a pro rata basis to each greyhound permitholder that does conduct a full schedule of live racing, based on the permitholder's share of live and intertrack wagering handle. The bill creates an additional tax credit available for greyhound permitholders who continue to conduct live racing for at least five years after the effective date of this act, allowing the permitholders to continue to receive tax credits for up to 10 years after they cease live racing.

The bill provides that greyhound permitholders may conduct intertrack wagering and may operate a cardroom, regardless of live racing, if the greyhound permitholder has conducted ten years of live racing prior to conducting intertrack wagering or applying for a cardroom license. If applicable, greyhound permitholders may operate slot machine gaming operations regardless of whether they have run live greyhound racing.

The bill becomes effective upon becoming law.

This bill amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 550.002, 550.01215, 550.054, 550.0951, 550.09514, 550.105, 550.26165, 550.475, 550.615, 550.6305, 551.104, 551.114, and 849.086.

II. Present Situation:

Background

The Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation provides regulatory oversight to pari-mutuel wagering activities, cardrooms located at pari-mutuel facilities, and slot machines located at pari-mutuel facilities located in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. The mission of the division is the efficient, effective and fair regulation of authorized gaming at pari-mutuel facilities in Florida.¹

The division's primary responsibilities include:

- Ensuring that races and games are conducted fairly and accurately;
- Ensuring the safety and welfare of racing animals;
- Collecting state revenue accurately and timely;
- Issuing occupational and permitholder operating licenses;
- Regulating pari-mutuel, cardroom, and slot machine operations;
- Ensuring that permitholders, licensees, and businesses related to the industries comply with state law; and
- Serving as the State Compliance Agency for the Compact between the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the State of Florida.

The division provides oversight to:

- 35 permitholders operating at 29 facilities:
 - 16 Greyhound
 - 3 Thoroughbred
 - 1 Harness
 - 6 Jai-Alai
 - 1 track offering limited intertrack wagering and horse sales
 - 2 Quarter Horse
- 24 Cardrooms operating at pari-mutuel facilities
- 5 Slot facilities located in Broward and Miami-Dade County pari-mutuel facilities.

Greyhound Racing

Greyhound racing was authorized in Florida in 1931.² Betting is permitted on the outcome of the races around an oval track. The greyhounds typically chase a "lure," which is usually a mechanical hare or rabbit. Racing greyhounds are those which are bred, raised, or trained to be

¹ <http://www.myflorida.com/dbpr/pmw/index.html> (last visited January 23, 2012).

² *Deregulation of Intertrack and Simulcast Wagering at Florida's Pari-Mutuel Facilities*, Interim Report No. 2006-145, Florida Senate Committee on Regulated Industries, September 2005.

used in racing at a pari-mutuel facility and are registered with the National Greyhound Association.³

Greyhound Racing Pari-Mutuel Facilities			
Facility	Location	Cardroom	Slots
Daytona Beach Kennel Club	960 South Williamson Blvd. Daytona Beach, FL 32114	Yes	No
Derby Lane (St. Petersburg Kennel Club)	Post Office Box 22099 St. Petersburg, Florida 33742	Yes	No
Ebro Greyhound Park (Washington County Kennel Club)	6558 Dog Track Road Ebro, Florida 32437	Yes	No
Flagler Dog Track and Magic City Casino	Post Office Box 350940 Miami, Florida 33135	Yes	Yes
Jacksonville Kennel Club (racing at Orange Park)	Post Office Box 959 Orange Park, Florida 32067	No	No
Jefferson County Kennel Club	Post Office Box 400 Monticello, Florida 32345	Yes	No
Mardi Gras Racetrack and Gaming Center	Post Office Box 2007 Hollywood, Florida 33022	Yes	Yes
Melbourne Greyhound Park	1100 North Wickham Road Melbourne, Florida 32935	Yes	No
Naples/Ft. Meyers Greyhound Track	Post Office Box 2567 Bonita Springs, Florida 34133	Yes	No
Orange Park Kennel Club	Post Office Box 959 Orange Park, Florida 32067	Yes	No
Palm Beach Kennel Club	1111 North Congress Avenue West Palm Beach, Florida 33409	Yes	No
Pensacola Greyhound Track	Post Office Box 12824 Pensacola, Florida 32591	Yes	No
Sanford Orlando/Penn Sanford	301 Dog Track Road Longwood, Florida 32750	No	No
Sarasota Kennel Club	5400 Bradenton Road Sarasota, Florida 34234	Yes	No
St. Johns Kennel Club (racing at Orange Park)	Post Office Box 959 Orange Park, Florida 32067	Yes	No
Tampa Greyhound Track (racing at Derby Lane)	Post Office Box 8096 Tampa, Florida 33674	Yes	No

³ Section 550.002(29), F.S.

Full Schedule of Live Racing

Section 550.002(11), F.S., defines what constitutes a full schedule of live racing. Each type of permit has a different requirement.

FULL SCHEDULE OF LIVE RACING OR GAMES	
Type of Facility	Full Schedule
Greyhound Racing	100 live evening or matinee performances
Jai Alai ⁴	100 live evening or matinee performances
Harness Racing	100 live regular wagering performances
Thoroughbred Racing	40 live regular wagering performances
Quarter horse Racing ⁵	30 live regular wagering performances

A live performance must consist of no fewer than eight races or games conducted live for a minimum of three performances each week at the permitholder’s facility.⁶

Intertrack Wagering

Wagers on live races at other tracks are divided into categories called intertrack and simulcast wagering under the Florida Statutes. Intertrack wagering is defined as “a particular form of pari-mutuel wagering in which wagers are accepted at a permitted, in-state track, fronton, or pari-mutuel facility on a race or game transmitted from and performed live at, or simulcast signal re-broadcast from, another in-state pari-mutuel facility.”⁷ Simulcast wagering, on the other hand, is defined as “broadcasting events occurring live at an in-state location to an out-of-state location, or receiving at an in-state location events occurring live at an out-of-state location, by the transmittal, retransmittal, reception, and rebroadcast of television or radio signals by wire, cable,

⁴ Generally a jai alai fronton must conduct 100 performances to constitute a full schedule of games. However, two exceptions exist. 1) For a jai alai permitholder who does not operate slot machines in its pari-mutuel facility, who has conducted at least 100 performances per year for at least 10 years after December 31, 1992, and whose handle on live jai alai games conducted at its facility has been less than \$4 million per state fiscal year for at least 2 consecutive years after June 30, 1992, the conduct of at least 40 live evening or matinee performances constitutes a full schedule of live games. 2) If the fronton operates slot machines in its facility, then the conduct of at least 150 performances constitutes a full schedule.

⁵ For year 2011-2012, a full schedule of live racing for a quarter horse facility will be 30 live regular wagering performances. For every year after 2012-2013, a full schedule of live racing for a quarter horse facility will be 40 live regular wagering performances. If the quarter horse facility leases another track, the conduct of 160 events (or 20 performances) will constitute a full schedule of live racing. However, any quarter horse facility running live at its own track may agree to an alternate schedule of 20 live performances if the permitholder and either the Quarter Horse Racing Association or the horsemen’s association representing the majority of the owners and trainers at the facility agree to the reduced racing schedule.

⁶ Section 550.002(11), F.S.

⁷ Section 550.002(17), F.S.

satellite, microwave, or other electrical or electronic means for receiving or rebroadcasting the events.”⁸

Intertrack and simulcast wagering transactions occur between guest and host tracks. The host track is defined as “a track or fronton conducting a live or simulcast race or game that is the subject of an intertrack wager.”⁹ A host track transmits signals to a guest track.

Simulcasting may only be accepted between facilities with the same class of pari-mutuel permits. For example, horseracing permitholders may only receive signals from other horseracing permitholders.

Simulcast and intertrack wagering have rules and regulations depending on the market area, which is the area within 25 miles of the track or fronton.¹⁰ For example, guest tracks within the market area of the operating permitholder must receive consent from the host track to receive the same class signal.¹¹ However, in general, in order for the track or fronton to participate in intertrack or simulcast wagering, the track or fronton must be licensed by the division and must have conducted a full schedule of live racing in the preceding year to receive broadcasts and accept wagers.¹²

Cardrooms

Pari-mutuel facilities within the state are allowed to operate poker cardrooms under s. 849.086, F.S. A cardroom may be operated only at the location specified on the cardroom license issued by the division and such location may be only where the permitholder is authorized to conduct pari-mutuel wagering activities subject to its pari-mutuel permit. Section 849.086(2)(c), F.S., defines “cardroom” to mean a facility where authorized card games are played for money or anything of value and to which the public is invited to participate in such games and charges a fee for participation by the operator of such facility. Authorized games and cardrooms do not constitute casino gaming operations. Instead, such games are played in a non-banking matter, i.e., where the facility has no stake in the outcome. Such activity is regulated by the department and must be approved by ordinance of the county commission where the pari-mutuel facility is located.

Section 849.086(2)(a), F.S., defines an “authorized game” at a cardroom as a game or series of games of poker or dominoes which are played in a non-banking manner.¹³ Wagering may only be conducted using chips or tokens; the player’s cash must be converted by the cardroom before the player may participate in a game of poker.¹⁴ The cardroom operator may limit the amount wagered in any game.¹⁵

⁸ Section 550.002(32), F.S.

⁹ Section 550.002(16), F.S.

¹⁰ Section 550.002(19), F.S.

¹¹ Section 550.615(4), F.S.

¹² Section 550.615(2), F.S.

¹³ A “banking game” is defined in s. 849.086(2)(b), F.S., as “a game in which the house is a participant in the game, taking on players, paying winners, and collecting from losers or in which the cardroom establishes a bank against which participants play.”

¹⁴ Section 849.086(8)(a), F.S.

¹⁵ Section 849.086(8)(b), F.S.

A cardroom may operate at the pari-mutuel facility for 18 hours per day on Monday through Friday and 24 hours on Saturday and Sunday and specified holidays.¹⁶ Cardrooms may not be operated beyond the hour limitations regardless of the number of permits located at a single facility.¹⁷

In order to renew a cardroom operator license, 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 to the initial application if the permitholder conducted a full schedule of live racing in the prior year. 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 to the application. 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.¹⁸

Slot Machines

During the 2004 General Election, the electors approved Amendment 4 to the Florida Constitution, codified as s. 23, Art. X, Florida Constitution, which authorized slot machines at existing pari-mutuel facilities in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties upon an affirmative vote of the electors in those counties. Both Miami-Dade and Broward Counties held referenda elections on March 8, 2005. The electors approved slot machines at the pari-mutuel facilities in Broward County, but the measure was defeated in Miami-Dade County. On January 29, 2008, another referendum was held under the provisions of Amendment 4, in which the slot machines in Miami-Dade County were approved. Under the provisions of the amendment, seven pari-mutuel facilities are eligible to conduct slot machine gaming. Of the seven, five are operating slot machines.¹⁹

In addition to the seven locations authorized for slot machines under the Florida Constitution, on July 1, 2010, a statutory amendment expanded the locations that were authorized slot machine gaming to include pari-mutuel facilities located in a charter county or a county that has a referendum approving slots where the referendum was held pursuant to a statutory or constitutional authorization after the effective date of the amendment. The facility must have conducted live racing for two calendar years preceding its application and must comply with other requirements for slot machine licensure.²⁰ Currently, only existing pari-mutuel facilities in Miami-Dade County qualify for slot machine authorization. Under the statutory provision, one additional facility became eligible for slot machine gaming, Hialeah Park (a quarter horse facility).²¹ Hialeah Park has been granted a license to conduct slot machine gaming but is not currently operating slot machine gaming.

¹⁶ Section 849.086(7)(b), F.S.

¹⁷ Section 849.086(7)(a), F.S.

¹⁸ Section 849.086(5)(b), F.S.

¹⁹ The Isle at Pompano Park, Mardi Gras Gaming, Gulfstream Park, Calder/Tropical Park, and Flagler Dog Track and Magic City are currently operating slot machines.

²⁰ See, ch. 2010-29, L.O.F. and s 551.102(4), F.S.

²¹ Currently the provision is being challenged as violating s. 23, Art. X, Florida Constitution. The trial court upheld the constitutionality in Leon County. That decision was upheld by the First District Court of Appeal. See consolidated cases, *Calder Race Course, Inc. v. Department of Business and Professional Regulation and South Florida Racing Association*, 1D11-130 (Fla. 1st DCA) and *Florida Gaming Centers, Inc. v. Department of Business and Professional Regulation and*

In order to conduct slot machine gaming, the slot machine applicant must conduct a full schedule of live racing the prior year.²² Slot machine licensees are required to pay an annual licensure fee of \$2 million.²³

In addition to the license fees, the tax rate on slot machine revenues at each facility is 35 percent.²⁴ If, during any state fiscal year, the aggregate amount of tax paid to the state by all slot machine licensees in Broward and Miami-Dade counties is less than the aggregate amount of tax paid to the state by all slot machine licensees in the 2008-2009 fiscal year, each slot machine licensee shall pay to the state within 45 days after the end of the state fiscal year a surcharge equal to its pro rata share of an amount equal to the difference between the aggregate amount of tax paid to the state by all slot machine licensees in the 2008-2009 fiscal year and the amount of tax paid during the fiscal year.²⁵

Purses

Section 550.09514, F.S., governs greyhound purse payments. Greyhound permitholders are required to pay a minimum purse payment plus a supplement payment of 75 percent of the daily license fees paid during the 1994-1995 fiscal year.²⁶

Greyhound permitholders who conduct at least three live performances during a week must pay purses on wagers it accepts as a guest track on intertrack and simulcast greyhound races at the same rate it pays on live races. In addition, greyhound tracks pay one-third of any tax reduction on live and simulcast handle as purses.²⁷

The division requires adequate documentation to ensure that the purses paid by greyhound permitholders on live racing does not fall below the amount paid in the 1993-1994 fiscal year.²⁸ During each race week, the permitholder is required to have a weekly report available to show the division staff and kennel operators the amount of purses paid on live racing, simulcast, and intertrack wagering.²⁹

Each greyhound permitholder must pay purse awards directly to the dog owners who have filed proper tax paperwork with the permitholder.³⁰

South Florida Racing Association, 1D10-6780 (Fla. 1st DCA). The case has been appealed to the Florida Supreme Court. See *Florida Gaming Centers, Inc. v. Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, et al*, SC11-2182 (Fla.)

²² Chapter 551.104(4)(c), F.S.

²³ Chapter 551.106(1), F.S. Prior to the effective date of 2010-29, L.O.F., the license fee was \$3 million.

²⁴ Chapter 551.106(1), F.S. Prior to the effective date of 2010-29, L.O.F., the tax rate was 50 percent.

²⁵ Chapter 551.106(2), F.S. The 2008-2009 tax paid on slot machine revenue was \$103,895,349. It does not appear that this provision will be triggered because of the additional facilities beginning slot operations. Calder began slot operations in January 2010 and Flagler began operations in October 2009. During fiscal year 2009-2010, the tax paid on slot machine revenues was \$138,125,105. In 2010-2011, after the tax rate was reduced, the tax paid on slot machine revenues exceeded \$125 million. Miami Jai Alai, Dania Jai Alai, and Hialeah Park have not begun slot operations.

²⁶ Sections 550.09514(2)(a)-(b), F.S.

²⁷ Section 550.09514(2)(e), F.S.

²⁸ Section 550.09514(2)(d), F.S.

²⁹ Section 550.09514(2)(f), F.S.

³⁰ Section 550.09514(2)(g), F.S.

In addition to paying purses on pari-mutuel activity, each greyhound permitholder is also required to pay 4 percent of the cardroom's monthly gross receipts to supplement greyhound purses.³¹

Greyhound Taxes and Credits³²

Greyhound permitholders pay a tax on handle of 5.5 percent.³³ Each host greyhound track must also pay taxes on the greyhound broadcasts it sends to other tracks.³⁴ For the dog tracks located in three contiguous counties, the tax on handle for intertrack wagers is 3.9 percent.³⁵ However, each permitholder has a tax credit of \$360,000 and pays no tax on handle until that credit is utilized.³⁶ For the three greyhound permitholders that conducted a full schedule of live racing in 1995, and are closest to another state that authorizes greyhound pari-mutuel wagering, the maximum tax credit per state fiscal year is \$500,000.³⁷ Each permitholder, who cannot utilize the full tax exemption, may notify the division that the permitholder wishes to transfer their credits to another greyhound permitholder.³⁸ Each permitholder may only transfer credits once per year, and may only transfer credits to another greyhound permitholder who acted as a host track to the permitholder for intertrack wagering.

Occupational License Taxes

Each person connected with a racetrack or jai alai fronton must purchase an occupational license from the division.³⁹ This tax is in lieu of all license, excise, or occupational taxes to the state or any county or municipality, except that a municipality may levy a tax on persons conducting live racing or games within its corporate limits, not to exceed \$150 per day for horseracing or \$50 per day for greyhound racing or jai alai.⁴⁰

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill amends the "full schedule of live racing or games" provision pertaining to greyhound racing and deletes the live racing requirement for greyhound permitholders beginning with the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The bill extends to August 31, 2012 the deadline for greyhound permitholders to apply for live performances, to give them time to amend their applications to reduce or remove their live racing performances. The bill removes all references that require a live schedule of racing for greyhound permitholders.

The bill provides that greyhound permitholders who continue to conduct live racing will continue to receive the \$360,000 or \$500,000 tax credit. The bill provides that the \$360,000 and

³¹ Section 849.086(13)(d)1., F.S.

³² In fiscal year 2009-2010, greyhound tracks generated over \$290 million in total handle. The division collected over \$5 million in taxes and fees, over \$2.5 million of which was generated from live greyhound racing. Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering, *79th Annual Report*, Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

³³ Section 550.0951(3)(b)1., F.S.

³⁴ Section 550.09514(2)(c), F.S.

³⁵ Section 550.0951(3)(c)2., F.S.

³⁶ *See*, s. 550.09514(1), F.S.

³⁷ *Id.* The three tracks that receive a \$500,000 credit are Jefferson County Kennel Club, Pensacola Greyhound Track, and Washington County Kennel Club (Ebro Greyhound Park).

³⁸ Section 550.0951(1)(b), F.S.

³⁹ Section 550.105(1),(2), F.S.

⁴⁰ Section 550.105(9), F.S.

\$500,000 tax credits that would have otherwise been available to greyhound permitholders that elect not to conduct live racing must be pooled. Each greyhound permitholder conducting at least 100 live performances of at least eight races during the fiscal year will be entitled to a pro rata share of tax credits available in the pool, based on the permitholder's share of live and intertrack wagering handle. Any unused pooled tax credits are available for distribution the following year.

The bill provides that greyhound permitholders that conduct at least 100 live performances of at least eight races during each of the five years after July 1, 2012, 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), F.S., is entitled to an annual tax credit for each year the permitholder conducted live racing after July 1, 2012. The additional tax credit is not to exceed 10 years. The additional tax credit will be an amount equal to the average tax credit received by the greyhound permitholder during the three years preceding the permitholder's election to not conduct live racing. This additional credit may be applied against any taxes or fees imposed by ch. 550, F.S., or any taxes and fees imposed by s. 849.086, F.S., which pertains to cardrooms.

The bill provides that greyhound permitholders may elect to transfer unused exemptions at anytime; however, the division must disapprove the transfer when the transferring permitholder did not conduct at least 100 live performances of at least eight races during the fiscal year.

The bill deletes the provision that requires greyhound permitholders in a county where there are only two greyhound permitholders to pay an aggregate daily license fee tax equal to 75 percent of the daily license fees paid by such permitholders for the 1994-1995 fiscal year. Instead, all greyhound permitholders who conduct live racing must pay a daily license fee tax equal to 75 percent of the daily license fees paid by each permitholder for the 1994-1995 fiscal year.

The bill provides that guest greyhound permitholders on simulcast and intertrack broadcasts, who do not conduct live racing during a fiscal year, must pay 3 percent of the greyhound intertrack handle to the host greyhound permitholder for payment of purses at the host track.

The bill allows municipalities to impose the same tax on simulcasts, intertrack wagering, and cardroom games conducted within the jurisdiction as is currently imposed on greyhound racing, up to the maximum of 100 days for greyhound racing facilities. This tax may not be levied on these activities if the facility where they are conducted has an existing agreement with the municipality.

The bill amends the lease provisions in s. 550.475, F.S., to provide that a lessee is entitled to a license to operate its race meeting or jai alai games at the leased facility, not a permit.

The bill provides that greyhound permitholders may conduct intertrack wagering even if they do not conduct live racing in the prior year provided that the greyhound permitholder held an annual license to conduct pari-mutuel wagering activities in each of the preceding 10 years or was converted pursuant to s. 550.054(14), F.S.

The bill provides that greyhound permitholders who are also slot machine licensees,⁴¹ which accept intertrack wagering on live greyhound signals, are not required to obtain written consent from any operating greyhound permitholder within its market area.

The bill deletes the provision that prohibited intertrack wagering without consent to be conducted in any county where there are only two permits, one for greyhound racing and one for jai alai, except during live racing.

The bill provides that greyhound permitholders that lease the facility of another greyhound permitholder for conducting all or any portion of its race meet may conduct intertrack wagering at its permitted facility throughout the year, including while its race meet is being conducted at the leased facility.

The bill provides that greyhound facilities may conduct slot machine gaming, if authorized, regardless of whether the facility has conducted live racing.

The bill amends the requirements for a cardroom, and provides that a greyhound permitholder may operate a cardroom even if it did not run live racing, so long as the permitholder has conducted 10 years of live racing immediately preceding its application for a cardroom license or if the permitholder has converted its permit pursuant to s. 550.054(14), F.S. Greyhound permitholders may renew their cardroom license without running live races. However, if no live racing occurs, no part of the cardroom receipts are required to be used to supplement purses.

The bill provides that it does not authorize gambling activities beyond what is provided for under current law as of March 1, 2012.

The bill takes effect upon becoming law.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

⁴¹ Flagler Dog Track and Magic City Casino and Mardi Gras Racetrack and Gaming Center are both greyhound permitholders and slot machine licensees.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

The Revenue Estimating Conference has determined the impact of the reduction in live racing coupled with the tax credit pooling and additional tax transfers to be a \$2.4 million reduction recurring beginning in FY 2012-13.

The bill also allows municipalities to impose the same tax on simulcasts, intertrack wagering, and cardroom games as they may currently impose on greyhound racing, up to the maximum of 100 days for greyhound racing facilities. The Revenue Estimating Conference has not analyzed this provision.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The department's analysis indicates that it may need fewer personnel to inspect the greyhound tracks if live racing is reduced.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

This bill deletes the live racing requirements for greyhound permitholders but the full schedule of live racing or performance requirements for horse racing and jai alai still exist.

Revenue sharing with the Seminole Indian Compact relies on continued exclusivity of casino style and Class III gaming. Games legal as of February 1, 2010 have no impact on payments from the Tribe. Pari-mutuel wagering activities have no impact on payments from the Tribe. Because this bill provides flexibility in the minimum number of live racing for greyhound permitholders and does not authorize any new facilities or new gaming in the state, this bill should have no impact on revenue sharing with the Tribe.

VIII. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.
