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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Select Committee on Gaming Representative Workman offered the following:

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Amendment to Amendment (309065) by Representative Schenck

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Section 56. Section 551.05515, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

Between lines 3336 and 3337 of the amendment, insert:

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551.05515 Nonwagering quarter horse racing partnership.—
In recognition of the economic and cultural importance of the equine industry to this state and its rural communities, its positive impact on tourism and of the importance of an equestrian center as a key focal point for nonwagering equine events, a partnership between a quarter horse racing permitholder and a nonwagering licensee is approved to ensure the continued viability and to promote public interest in nonwagering equine events.

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- (1) As part of its license application under s. 551.0322, a quarter horse racing permitholder may apply to fully or partially substitute live nonwagering events for live wagering events pursuant to a written agreement with a nonwagering licensee, provided that:
- (a) The live nonwagering events are conducted by the nonwagering licensee at the quarter horse racing permitholder's facility pursuant to a lease agreement.
- (b) The permitholder's facility is located within a rural area of critical economic concern as designated by the Governor pursuant to s. 288.0656.
- (c) The nonwagering license is held by the horsemen's association representing the majority of the quarter horse owners and trainers at the facility, provided the horsemen's association has been in continued existence for at least 5 years.
- (2) Live nonwagering performances conducted pursuant to an agreement approved under this section shall be considered the equivalent of live regular wagering performances for purposes of s. 551.0551(1).
- (3) The commission shall approve only one agreement pursuant to this section. If it receives multiple requests, it shall determine which applicant has demonstrated financial stability and the greater proven commitment to the nonwagering equine industry, as measured by the number of previous nonwagering events hosted by the quarter horse permitholder, its

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43	level of investment in the equine facility, the length of time
44	the horsemen's association has been in existence and its level
45	of activity in nonwagering equine events in this state.

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