

Amendment No. 1

17 strictly regulate the facilities, persons, and procedures
18 related to cardroom operations. Furthermore, the Legislature
19 finds that games authorized under this section are considered to
20 be pari-mutuel style games and not casino gaming because the
21 participants play against each other instead of against the
22 house.

23 (2) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the term
24 “class III games or gaming” means the operation of slot
25 machines, video race terminals, banked card games, raffles and
26 drawings, and live table games at a licensed pari-mutuel
27 facility pursuant to chapters 550 and 551, in conformity with
28 rules promulgated by the Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering.

29 (3) AUTHORIZATION.—

30 (a) A licensed pari-mutuel facility located in the state
31 may possess slot machines and conduct slot machine gaming or
32 other class III games at the location where the pari-mutuel
33 permitholder is authorized to conduct pari-mutuel wagering
34 activities pursuant to such permitholder’s valid pari-mutuel
35 permit, if:

36 1. A majority of voters in a countywide referendum in the
37 county in which the facility is located have approved slot
38 machines at the facility;

39 2. A majority of voters in a countywide referendum in the
40 county in which the facility is located have approved the
41 operation of class III gaming or games within the county at the

Amendment No. 1

42 facility; and

43 3. The governing body of the municipality, or the governing
44 body of the county if the facility is not located in a
45 municipality, has provided its approval under s. 551.1041.

46 (b) A licensed pari-mutuel permitholder authorized to
47 conduct slot machine gaming on or before July 1, 2017, may
48 conduct class III gaming or games at the location where the
49 pari-mutuel permitholder is authorized to conduct pari-mutuel
50 wagering activities pursuant to such permitholder's valid pari-
51 mutuel permit.

52 (c) The expense of a referendum held under this subsection
53 shall be borne by the pari-mutuel permitholder or permitholders
54 who wish to conduct slot machine gaming or class III games or
55 gaming within a county. If a special election is not held, the
56 referendum shall be conducted at the next general election in
57 that county.

58 (d)1. 35 percent of the net revenues from authorized class
59 III gaming operations at a licensed pari-mutuel facility shall
60 be designated as the local government share and shall be
61 distributed to the governing body of the municipality, or the
62 governing body of the county if the facility is not located in a
63 municipality, for reduction of property taxes in the respective
64 county or municipality.

65 2. The calculations necessary to determine the local
66 government share of distributions shall be made by the Division

Amendment No. 1

67 of Pari-mutuel Wagering. The method of payment of the local
68 government share attributable to each pari-mutuel facility shall
69 be as required by the governing body as a condition of local
70 government approval under subsection (4).

71 (4) LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL.—

72 (a) The Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering may not issue an
73 initial license under this section except upon proof, in such
74 form as the division may prescribe, that the local government
75 where the applicant desires to conduct slot machine gaming or
76 class III gaming or games has voted to approve such activity by
77 a majority vote of the governing body of the municipality, or
78 the governing body of the county if the facility is not located
79 in a municipality. If the local government considers approval of
80 such activity and a majority vote of the governing body of the
81 municipality, or the governing body of the county if the
82 facility is not located in a municipality, does not approve slot
83 machine gaming, other class III games or gaming, or both, the
84 matter may not be reconsidered for a period of 5 years after the
85 date of the vote of the governing body. The governing body of
86 the municipality, or the governing body of the county if the
87 facility is not located in a municipality, and the pari-mutuel
88 permitholder shall agree on the documentation required for
89 confirmation and transmittal of the local government share
90 payable by the permitholder.

91 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, it is not a crime for a

Amendment No. 1

92 person to participate in:

93 1. Slot machine gaming at a pari-mutuel facility licensed
94 to possess slot machines and conduct slot machine gaming or to
95 participate in slot machine gaming described in this section.

96 2. Class III gaming or games at a pari-mutuel facility
97 licensed to possess class III gaming or games and to conduct
98 class III gaming or games or to participate in class III gaming
99 or games described in this section.

100 (5) RULEMAKING.—The division may adopt rules necessary to
101 implement this section.

102 -----

103
104 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

105 Remove line 62 and insert:

106 certain cardroom games is not state action; creating s.
107 551.1015, F.S.; providing legislative intent; defining the term
108 "class III games or gaming"; authorizing certain licensed pari-
109 mutuel facilities to possess slot machines and conduct slot
110 machine gaming or other class III games at a specified location
111 under certain circumstances; providing that the expense of a
112 referendum shall be borne by the pari-mutuel permitholder or
113 permitholders who wish to conduct slot machine gaming or other
114 class III games; providing requirements for the referendum to
115 vote on the issue of slot machine gaming; requiring that a
116 specified percentage of revenues from authorized class III

Amendment No. 1

117 gaming be designated as the local government share; providing
118 distribution requirements for the local government share;
119 providing requirements for the division to approve an initial
120 license; providing that it is not a crime for a person to
121 participate in slot machine gaming or other class III gaming or
122 games under certain circumstances; authorizing rulemaking;
123 providing