

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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SUBJECT: Gaming
DATE: April 6, 2017

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 - 837981 (body with title).

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 ratifies and approves a 2017 Gaming Compact (2017 Compact) between the Seminole Tribe of Florida (Tribe) and the State of Florida (State), and authorizes the Governor to execute it, subject to federal approval. Under its terms, the 2017 Compact extends for 20 years both the Tribe's current exclusive authorization to conduct banked games statewide and the Tribe's current exclusive authorization to conduct slot machine gaming outside of Miami-Dade and Broward Counties.

In exchange, the Tribe will make revenue sharing payments totaling at least \$3 billion to the State during the first seven years of the 2017 Compact. The Tribe may stop or reduce revenue sharing pursuant to the 2017 Compact if specified new gaming is authorized.

The 2017 Compact reincorporates many of the same provisions of the Gaming Compact between the Tribe and the State executed on April 7, 2010 (2010 Compact), as well as providing for the following:

- Prospective ratification and approval by the Legislature;
- Fixed 20-year term with no scheduled changes, extensions or expirations during the term;
- Tribe receives exclusive authorization to conduct banked games at 5 facilities for full 20-year term;
- Tribe maintains exclusive authorization to conduct slot machine gaming outside Miami-Dade and Broward Counties for full 20-year term;
- Maintains current level of monthly revenue sharing until the 2017 Compact becomes effective;
- Once effective, increases revenue sharing, including a guaranteed \$3 billion in the first seven years;
- The State's portion of revenue share, after a 3 percent distribution to local governments, must be allocated to specified education programs to maintain the Tribe's revenue sharing obligations;

- Any new type or new location of class III games not in existence as of February 1, 2017, either reduces or ceases revenue sharing payments;
- Any reductions in the number of live performances at pari-mutuel facilities below current statutory requirements impacts revenue sharing payments;
- Improves the process for identifying, resolving and/or curing breaches of the Tribe's exclusivity.

In addition, House Amendment 1 amends various substantive provisions in the chapters of the Florida Statutes governing pari-mutuel wagering, cardroom gaming, slot machine gaming, and general gambling. The House Amendment:

- Clarifies that slot machine gaming is not authorized outside of Miami-Dade and Broward Counties;
- Clarifies that only traditional, pari-mutuel-style poker games are authorized in cardrooms;
- Provides for the mandatory revocation of dormant and delinquent permits, under certain circumstances;
- Provides for the discretionary revocation of certain permits, under certain circumstances;
- Prohibits the issuance of new permits, and prohibits the conversion of permits;
- Prohibits the transfer or relocation of pari-mutuel permits or licenses.