

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to pari-mutuel wagering; amending s.  
 3           550.01215, F.S.; prohibiting greyhound racing  
 4           permitholders from conducting live greyhound racing or  
 5           dogracing; requiring a thoroughbred permitholder to  
 6           conduct live thoroughbred racing; authorizing  
 7           specified permitholders to elect to conduct live  
 8           harness horse racing; providing construction;  
 9           authorizing the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering to  
 10          approve certain changes to operating dates; providing  
 11          an effective date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 15           Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsection  
 16          (3) of section 550.01215, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:  
 17           550.01215 License application; periods of operation;  
 18          license fees; bond.—

19           (1) Each permitholder shall annually, during the period  
 20          between December 15 and January 4, file in writing with the  
 21          division its application for an operating license for a pari-  
 22          mutuel facility for the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering during  
 23          the next state fiscal year, including intertrack and simulcast  
 24          race wagering. Each application for live performances must  
 25          specify the number, dates, and starting times of all live

26 | performances that the permitholder intends to conduct. It must  
 27 | also specify which performances will be conducted as charity or  
 28 | scholarship performances.

29 |       (b)1. A greyhound permitholder may not conduct live  
 30 | greyhound racing or dogracing. A jai alai permitholder, harness  
 31 | horse racing permitholder, or quarter horse racing permitholder  
 32 | may elect not to conduct live racing or games. A thoroughbred  
 33 | permitholder must conduct live thoroughbred racing. A greyhound  
 34 | permitholder, jai alai permitholder, harness horse racing  
 35 | permitholder, or quarter horse racing permitholder that does not  
 36 | conduct live racing or games retains its permit; is a pari-  
 37 | mutuel facility as defined in s. 550.002(23); if such  
 38 | permitholder has been issued a slot machine license, the  
 39 | facility where such permit is located remains an eligible  
 40 | facility as defined in s. 551.102(4), continues to be eligible  
 41 | for a slot machine license pursuant to s. 551.104(3), and is  
 42 | exempt from ss. 551.104(4)(c) and (10) and 551.114(2); is  
 43 | eligible, but not required, to be a guest track and, if the  
 44 | permitholder is a harness horse racing permitholder, to be a  
 45 | host track for purposes of intertrack wagering and simulcasting  
 46 | pursuant to ss. 550.3551, 550.615, 550.625, and 550.6305; and  
 47 | remains eligible for a cardroom license.

48 |       2. A permitholder or licensee may not conduct live  
 49 | greyhound racing or dogracing in connection with any wager for  
 50 | money or any other thing of value in the state. The division may

51 deny, suspend, or revoke any permit or license under this  
52 chapter if a permitholder or licensee conducts live greyhound  
53 racing or dogracing in violation of this subparagraph. In  
54 addition to, or in lieu of, denial, suspension, or revocation of  
55 such permit or license, the division may impose a civil penalty  
56 of up to \$5,000 against the permitholder or licensee for a  
57 violation of this subparagraph. All penalties imposed and  
58 collected must be deposited with the Chief Financial Officer to  
59 the credit of the General Revenue Fund.

60 3. A greyhound permitholder, jai alai permitholder,  
61 thoroughbred permitholder, or quarter horse racing permitholder  
62 that held such permit during the 2020-2021 operating year may  
63 elect to conduct live harness horse racing. Authorization to  
64 conduct harness horse racing pursuant to this chapter may only  
65 be granted to a permitholder that held an operating license to  
66 conduct pari-mutuel wagering for fiscal year 2020-2021 or that  
67 holds a permit issued pursuant to s. 550.3345. However, such  
68 election to conduct harness horse racing does not entitle such  
69 permitholder to receive an additional, or other type of, permit.  
70 Live harness horse racing may only be conducted pursuant to this  
71 chapter if such permitholder qualifies to retain the greyhound  
72 permit, jai alai permit, thoroughbred permit, or quarter horse  
73 racing permit held during the 2020-2021 operating year.  
74 Authorization granted to conduct harness horse racing to a  
75 permitholder other than a harness horse racing permitholder is

76 | not considered granting or issuance of a permit or license, or a  
 77 | conversion of such permit, but is merely considered an  
 78 | additional benefit of holding a greyhound permit, jai alai  
 79 | permit, thoroughbred permit, or quarter horse racing permit  
 80 | issued pursuant to s. 550.3345.

81 | (3) The division shall issue each license no later than  
 82 | March 15. Each permitholder shall operate all performances at  
 83 | the date and time specified on its license. The division shall  
 84 | have the authority to approve minor changes in racing dates  
 85 | after a license has been issued. The division may approve  
 86 | changes in racing dates after a license has been issued when  
 87 | there is no objection from any operating permitholder that is  
 88 | conducting live racing or games and that is located within 50  
 89 | miles of the permitholder requesting the changes in operating  
 90 | dates. In the event of an objection, the division shall approve  
 91 | or disapprove the change in operating dates based upon the  
 92 | impact on operating permitholders located within 50 miles of the  
 93 | permitholder requesting the change in operating dates. In making  
 94 | the determination to change racing dates, the division shall  
 95 | take into consideration the impact of such changes on state  
 96 | revenues. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and for  
 97 | the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 state fiscal years ~~year~~ only, the  
 98 | division may approve changes in operating dates:

99 | (a) For a jai alai permitholder, harness horse racing  
 100 | permitholder, or quarter horse racing permitholder if the

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101 request for such changes is received before October 1, 2021; or  
102 (b) To allow a greyhound racing permitholder, jai alai  
103 permitholder, harness horse racing permitholder, quarter horse  
104 racing permitholder, or thoroughbred racing permitholder to  
105 conduct live harness horse racing if the request for such  
106 changes is received before October 1, 2022.

107 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.