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An act relating to pari-mutuel permitholders; amending s. 550.01215, F.S.; revising provisions to allow changes to performance dates; amending s. 550.475, F.S.; revising provisions limiting leasing of parimutuel facilities to permitholders of the same class; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 550.01215, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

550.01215 License application; periods of operation; license fees; bond.—

(3) The commission shall issue each license no later than March 15. Each permitholder shall operate all performances at the date and time specified on its license. The commission shall have the authority to approve minor changes in performance racing dates after a license has been issued. The commission may approve changes in performance racing dates after a license has been issued when there is no objection from any operating permitholder that is conducting live racing or games and that is located within 50 miles of the permitholder requesting the changes in operating dates. In the event of an objection, the commission shall approve or disapprove the change in operating

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dates based upon the impact on operating permitholders located within 50 miles of the permitholder requesting the change in operating dates. In making the determination to change racing dates, the commission shall take into consideration the impact of such changes on state revenues.

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Section 2. Section 550.475, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

550.475 Lease of pari-mutuel facilities by pari-mutuel permitholders.—Holders of valid pari-mutuel permits for the conduct of any pari-mutuel wagering in this state are entitled to lease any and all of their facilities to any other holder of a same class valid pari-mutuel permit, when located within a 35-mile radius of each other; and such lessee is entitled to a permit and license to conduct intertrack wagering and operate its race meet or jai alai games at the leased premises.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.