

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to thoroughbred permitholders;  
3           amending s. 550.01215, F.S.; removing a requirement  
4           that a thoroughbred permitholder must conduct live  
5           racing; amending s. 551.104, F.S.; removing certain  
6           slot machine gaming licensure requirements for  
7           thoroughbred permitholders who are slot machine  
8           licensees; providing an effective date.

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

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12           **Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section**  
13 **550.01215, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

14           550.01215 License application; periods of operation;  
15 license fees; bond.—

16           (1) Each permitholder shall annually, during the period  
17 between January 15 and February 4, file in writing with the  
18 commission its application for an operating license for a pari-  
19 mutuel facility for the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering during  
20 the next state fiscal year, including intertrack and simulcast  
21 race wagering. Each application for live performances must  
22 specify the number, dates, and starting times of all live  
23 performances that the permitholder intends to conduct. It must  
24 also specify which performances will be conducted as charity or  
25 scholarship performances.

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

46 2. A permitholder or licensee may not conduct live  
47 greyhound racing or dogracing in connection with any wager for  
48 money or any other thing of value in the state. The commission  
49 may deny, suspend, or revoke any permit or license under this  
50 chapter if a permitholder or licensee conducts live greyhound

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

58 **Section 2. Paragraphs (d) through (j) of subsection (4) of**  
59 **section 551.104, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as**  
60 **paragraphs (c) through (i), respectively, and paragraph (c) of**  
61 **subsection (4) and paragraph (a) of subsection (10) of that**  
62 **section are amended to read:**

63 551.104 License to conduct slot machine gaming.—

64 (4) As a condition of licensure and to maintain continued  
65 authority for the conduct of slot machine gaming, the slot  
66 machine licensee shall:

67 ~~(c) If a thoroughbred permitholder, conduct no fewer than~~  
68 ~~a full schedule of live racing or games as defined in s.~~  
69 ~~550.002(10). A permitholder's responsibility to conduct live~~  
70 ~~races or games shall be reduced by the number of races or games~~  
71 ~~that could not be conducted due to the direct result of fire,~~  
72 ~~strike, war, hurricane, pandemic, or other disaster or event~~  
73 ~~beyond the control of the permitholder.~~

74 (10) (a) ~~1. No slot machine license or renewal thereof shall~~  
75 ~~be issued to an applicant holding a permit under chapter 550 to~~

76 ~~conduct pari-mutuel wagering meets of thoroughbred racing unless~~  
77 ~~the applicant has on file with the commission a binding written~~  
78 ~~agreement between the applicant and the Florida Horsemen's~~  
79 ~~Benevolent and Protective Association, Inc., governing the~~  
80 ~~payment of purses on live thoroughbred races conducted at the~~  
81 ~~licensee's pari-mutuel facility. In addition, no slot machine~~  
82 ~~license or renewal thereof shall be issued to such an applicant~~  
83 ~~unless the applicant has on file with the commission a binding~~  
84 ~~written agreement between the applicant and the Florida~~  
85 ~~Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, Inc., governing the payment~~  
86 ~~of breeders', stallion, and special racing awards on live~~  
87 ~~thoroughbred races conducted at the licensee's pari-mutuel~~  
88 ~~facility. The agreement governing purses and the agreement~~  
89 ~~governing awards may direct the payment of such purses and~~  
90 ~~awards from revenues generated by any wagering or gaming the~~  
91 ~~applicant is authorized to conduct under Florida law. All purses~~  
92 ~~and awards shall be subject to the terms of chapter 550. All~~  
93 ~~sums for breeders', stallion, and special racing awards shall be~~  
94 ~~remitted monthly to the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders'~~  
95 ~~Association, Inc., for the payment of awards subject to the~~  
96 ~~administrative fee authorized in s. 550.2625(3).~~

97 ~~2.~~ No slot machine license or renewal thereof shall be  
98 issued to an applicant holding a permit under chapter 550 to  
99 conduct pari-mutuel wagering meets of quarter horse racing  
100 unless the applicant has on file with the commission a binding

101 written agreement between the applicant and the Florida Quarter  
102 Horse Racing Association or the association representing a  
103 majority of the horse owners and trainers at the applicant's  
104 eligible facility, governing the payment of purses on live  
105 quarter horse races conducted at the licensee's pari-mutuel  
106 facility. The agreement governing purses may direct the payment  
107 of such purses from revenues generated by any wagering or gaming  
108 the applicant is authorized to conduct under Florida law. All  
109 purses shall be subject to the terms of chapter 550.

110 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.