

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senators Rodriguez and Calatayud

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to jai alai permitholders; amending s.
3 550.475, F.S.; providing that holders of a valid pari-
4 mutuel permit may lease their pari-mutuel permitted
5 facilities to any other holder of the same pari-mutuel
6 permit or to any jai alai permitholder when located
7 within a specified radius of each other; authorizing
8 such lessee to apply for a license, rather than be
9 entitled to a permit and license, to conduct specified
10 gaming activities at the leased premises; reenacting
11 ss. 550.054(14)(b) and 550.615(8), F.S., relating to
12 application for permit to conduct pari-mutuel wagering
13 and intertrack wagering, respectively, to incorporate
14 the amendment made to s. 550.475, F.S., in references
15 thereto; providing an effective date.

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

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19 Section 1. Section 550.475, Florida Statutes, is amended to
20 read:

21 550.475 Lease of pari-mutuel facilities by pari-mutuel
22 permitholders.—Holders of valid pari-mutuel permits for the
23 conduct of any pari-mutuel wagering in this state may ~~are~~
24 ~~entitled to lease any and all of their~~ pari-mutuel permitted
25 facilities to any other holder of a same class valid pari-mutuel
26 permit or to any jai alai permitholder, when located within a
27 35-mile radius of each other; and such lessee may apply for a ~~is~~
28 ~~entitled to a permit and~~ license to conduct intertrack wagering
29 and operate its race meet or jai alai games at the leased

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30 premises.

31 Section 2. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
32 made by this act to section 550.475, Florida Statutes, in a
33 reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (14) of section
34 550.054, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

35 550.054 Application for permit to conduct pari-mutuel
36 wagering.—

37 (14)

38 (b) The commission, upon application from the holder of a
39 jai alai permit meeting all conditions of this section, shall
40 convert the permit and shall issue to the permitholder a permit
41 to conduct greyhound racing. A permitholder of a permit
42 converted under this section shall be required to apply for and
43 conduct a full schedule of live racing each fiscal year to be
44 eligible for any tax credit provided by this chapter. The holder
45 of a permit converted pursuant to this subsection or any holder
46 of a permit to conduct greyhound racing located in a county in
47 which it is the only permit issued pursuant to this section who
48 operates at a leased facility pursuant to s. 550.475 may move
49 the location for which the permit has been issued to another
50 location within a 30-mile radius of the location fixed in the
51 permit issued in that county, provided the move does not cross
52 the county boundary and such location is approved under the
53 zoning regulations of the county or municipality in which the
54 permit is located, and upon such relocation may use the permit
55 for the conduct of pari-mutuel wagering and the operation of a
56 cardroom. The provisions of s. 550.6305(9)(d) and (f) shall
57 apply to any permit converted under this subsection and shall
58 continue to apply to any permit which was previously included

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59 under and subject to such provisions before a conversion
60 pursuant to this section occurred.

61 Section 3. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
62 made by this act to section 550.475, Florida Statutes, in a
63 reference thereto, subsection (8) of section 550.615, Florida
64 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

65 550.615 Intertrack wagering.—

66 (8) In any three contiguous counties of the state where
67 there are only three permitholders, all of which are greyhound
68 permitholders, if any permitholder leases the facility of
69 another permitholder for all or any portion of the conduct of
70 its live race meet pursuant to s. 550.475, such lessee may
71 conduct intertrack wagering at its pre-lease permitted facility
72 throughout the entire year.

73 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.