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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Criminal Justice  
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Trabulsy offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove lines 124-1040 and insert:

7 being filed and the resolution of such criminal charges or case.

8 (i) The number of complaints received by the commission  
9 categorized by subject matter or the type of complaint and a  
10 summary of the action taken on each complaint by the commission.

11 (j) A list of property seized by the commission during the  
12 course of investigations, and the disposition of such property,  
13 including a list of forfeiture actions.

14 **Section 2. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) of**  
15 **section 16.713, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

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16 16.713 Florida Gaming Control Commission; appointment and  
17 employment restrictions.—

18 (2) PROHIBITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES AND COMMISSIONERS; PERSONS  
19 INELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT TO AND EMPLOYMENT WITH THE  
20 COMMISSION.—

21 (a) A person may not, for the 2 years immediately  
22 preceding the date of appointment to or employment with the  
23 commission and while appointed to or employed with the  
24 commission:

25 1. Hold a permit or license issued under chapter 550 or a  
26 license issued under chapter 551 or chapter 849; be an officer,  
27 official, or employee of such permitholder or licensee; or be an  
28 ultimate equitable owner, as defined in s. 550.002(37), of such  
29 permitholder or licensee;

30 2. Be an officer, official, employee, or other person with  
31 duties or responsibilities relating to a gaming operation owned  
32 by an Indian tribe that has a valid and active compact with the  
33 state; be a contractor or subcontractor of such tribe or an  
34 entity employed, licensed, or contracted by such tribe; or be an  
35 ultimate equitable owner, as defined in s. 550.002(37), of such  
36 entity;

37 3. Be a registered lobbyist for the executive or  
38 legislative branch, except while a commissioner or employee of  
39 the commission when officially representing the commission or  
40 unless the person registered as a lobbyist for the executive or

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41 legislative branch while employed by a state agency as defined  
42 in s. 110.107 during the normal course of his or her employment  
43 with such agency and he or she has not lobbied on behalf of any  
44 entity other than a state agency during the 2 years immediately  
45 preceding the date of his or her appointment to or employment  
46 with the commission; ~~or~~

47 4. Be a bingo game operator or an employee of a bingo game  
48 operator; or

49 5. Be an employee, associate, owner, or contractor for any  
50 person or entity that conducts or facilitates an activity  
51 regulated, enforced, or investigated by the commission,  
52 including fantasy sports contests and other betting activities.

53 (b) A person is ineligible for appointment to or  
54 employment with the commission if, within the 2 years  
55 immediately preceding such appointment or employment, he or she  
56 violated paragraph (a) or solicited or accepted employment with,  
57 acquired any direct or indirect interest in, or had any direct  
58 or indirect business association, partnership, or financial  
59 relationship with, or is a relative of:

60 1. Any person or entity who is an applicant, licensee, or  
61 registrant with the commission; ~~or~~

62 2. Any officer, official, employee, or other person with  
63 duties or responsibilities relating to a gaming operation owned  
64 by an Indian tribe that has a valid and active compact with the  
65 state; any contractor or subcontractor of such tribe or an

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66 entity employed, licensed, or contracted by such tribe; or any  
67 ultimate equitable owner, as defined in s. 550.002(37), of such  
68 entity; or

69 3. Any person or entity that conducts or facilitates an  
70 activity regulated, enforced, or investigated by the commission,  
71 including fantasy sports contests and other betting activities.

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73 For the purposes of this subsection, the term "relative" means a  
74 spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, grandfather, grandmother,  
75 brother, sister, uncle, aunt, cousin, nephew, niece, father-in-  
76 law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law,  
77 sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter,  
78 stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, or half sister.

79 **Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraphs**  
80 **(b) and (c) of subsection (2) of section 16.715, Florida**  
81 **Statutes, are amended to read:**

82 16.715 Florida Gaming Control Commission standards of  
83 conduct; ex parte communications.-

84 (1) STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.-

85 (b)1. A commissioner or employee of the commission may not  
86 accept anything from any business entity that, either directly  
87 or indirectly, owns or controls any person regulated by the  
88 commission or from any business entity that, either directly or  
89 indirectly, is an affiliate or subsidiary of any person  
90 regulated by the commission.

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91           2. A commissioner or an employee may attend conferences,  
92 along with associated meals and events that are generally  
93 available to all conference participants, without payment of any  
94 fees in addition to the conference fee. Additionally, while  
95 attending a conference, a commissioner or an employee may attend  
96 meetings, meals, or events that are not sponsored, in whole or  
97 in part, by any representative of any person regulated by the  
98 commission and that are limited to commissioners or employees  
99 only, committee members, or speakers if the commissioner or  
100 employee is a member of a committee of the association of  
101 regulatory agencies which organized the conference or is a  
102 speaker at the conference. It is not a violation of this  
103 subparagraph for a commissioner or an employee to attend a  
104 conference for which conference participants who are employed by  
105 a person regulated by the commission have paid a higher  
106 conference registration fee than the commissioner or employee,  
107 or to attend a meal or event that is generally available to all  
108 conference participants without payment of any fees in addition  
109 to the conference fee and that is sponsored, in whole or in  
110 part, by a person regulated by the commission.

111           3. While employed, and for 2 years after service as a  
112 commissioner or for 2 years after employment with the  
113 commission, a commissioner or an employee may not accept any  
114 form of employment with or engage in any business activity with  
115 any business entity that, either directly or indirectly, owns or

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116 controls any person regulated by the commission; any person  
117 regulated by the commission; or any business entity that, either  
118 directly or indirectly, is an affiliate or subsidiary of any  
119 person regulated by the commission; or be an employee,  
120 associate, owner, or contractor for any person or entity that  
121 conducts or facilitates an activity regulated, enforced, or  
122 investigated by the commission, including fantasy sports  
123 contests and other betting activities.

124 4. While employed, and for 2 years after service as a  
125 commissioner or for 2 years after employment with the  
126 commission, a commissioner, an employee, or a relative living in  
127 the same household as a commissioner or an employee may not have  
128 any financial interest, other than shares in a mutual fund, in  
129 any person regulated by the commission; in any business entity  
130 that, either directly or indirectly, owns or controls any person  
131 regulated by the commission; or in any business entity that,  
132 either directly or indirectly, is an affiliate or a subsidiary  
133 of any person regulated by the commission; or be an employee,  
134 associate, owner, or contractor for any person or entity that  
135 conducts or facilitates an activity regulated, enforced, or  
136 investigated by the commission, including fantasy sports  
137 contests and other betting activities. If a commissioner, an  
138 employee, or a relative living in the same household as a  
139 commissioner or an employee acquires any financial interest  
140 prohibited by this subsection during the commissioner's term of

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141 office or the employee's employment with the commission as a  
142 result of events or actions beyond the commissioner's, the  
143 employee's, or the relative's control, he or she shall  
144 immediately sell such financial interest. For the purposes of  
145 this subsection, the term "relative" has the same meaning as in  
146 s. 16.713(2) (b).

147 5. A commissioner or an employee may not accept anything  
148 from a party in a proceeding currently pending before the  
149 commission.

150 6. A commissioner may not serve as the representative of  
151 any political party or on any executive committee or other  
152 governing body of a political party; serve as an executive  
153 officer or employee of any political party, committee,  
154 organization, or association; receive remuneration for  
155 activities on behalf of any candidate for public office; engage  
156 on behalf of any candidate for public office in the solicitation  
157 of votes or other activities on behalf of such candidacy; or  
158 become a candidate for election to any public office without  
159 first resigning from office.

160 7. A commissioner, during his or her term of office, may  
161 not make any public comment regarding the merits of any  
162 proceeding under ss. 120.569 and 120.57 currently pending before  
163 the commission.

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164 8. A commissioner or an employee may not act in an  
165 unprofessional manner at any time during the performance of  
166 official duties.

167 9. A commissioner or an employee must avoid impropriety in  
168 all activities and must act at all times in a manner that  
169 promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of  
170 the commission.

171 10. A commissioner or an employee may not directly or  
172 indirectly, through staff or other means, solicit anything of  
173 value from any person regulated by the commission, or from any  
174 business entity that, whether directly or indirectly, is an  
175 affiliate or a subsidiary of any person regulated by the  
176 commission, or from any party appearing in a proceeding  
177 considered by the commission in the last 2 years.

178 11. A commissioner may not lobby the Governor or any  
179 agency of the state, members or employees of the Legislature, or  
180 any county or municipal government or governmental agency except  
181 to represent the commission in an official capacity.

182 (2) FORMER COMMISSIONERS AND EMPLOYEES.—

183 (b) A commissioner, the executive director, or an employee  
184 of the commission may not, for the 2 years immediately following  
185 the date of resignation or termination from the commission:

186 1. Hold a permit or license issued under chapter 550, or a  
187 license issued under chapter 551 or chapter 849; be an officer,  
188 official, or employee of such permitholder or licensee; ~~or~~ be an



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189 ultimate equitable owner, as defined in s. 550.002(37), of such  
190 permitholder or licensee; or be an employee, associate, owner,  
191 or contractor for any person or entity that conducts or  
192 facilitates an activity regulated, enforced, or investigated by  
193 the commission, including fantasy sports contests and other  
194 betting activities;

195 2. Accept employment by or compensation from a business  
196 entity that, directly or indirectly, owns or controls a person  
197 regulated by the commission; from a person regulated by the  
198 commission; from a business entity which, directly or  
199 indirectly, is an affiliate or subsidiary of a person regulated  
200 by the commission; ~~or~~ from a business entity or trade  
201 association that has been a party to a commission proceeding  
202 within the 2 years preceding the member's resignation or  
203 termination of service on the commission; or from any person or  
204 entity that conducts or facilitates an activity regulated,  
205 enforced, or investigated by the commission, including fantasy  
206 sports contests and other betting activities; or

207 3. Be a bingo game operator or an employee of a bingo game  
208 operator.

209 (c) A person employed by the commission may not, for the 2  
210 years immediately following the date of termination or  
211 resignation from employment with the commission:

212 1. Hold a permit or license issued under chapter 550, or a  
213 license issued under chapter 551 or chapter 849; be an officer,

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214 official, or employee of such permitholder or licensee; ~~or~~ be an  
215 ultimate equitable owner, as defined in s. 550.002(37), of such  
216 permitholder or licensee; or be an employee, associate, owner,  
217 or contractor for any person or entity that conducts or  
218 facilitates an activity regulated, enforced, or investigated by  
219 the commission, including fantasy sports contests and other  
220 betting activities; or

221 2. Be a bingo game operator or an employee of a bingo game  
222 operator.

223 **Section 4. Present subsections (8) and (9) of section**  
224 **546.10, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (9) and**  
225 **(10), respectively, and a new subsection (8) is added to that**  
226 **section, to read:**

227 546.10 Amusement games or machines.—

228 (8)(a)1. Before purchasing or installing a game or machine  
229 on the premises of any veterans' service organization granted a  
230 federal charter under Title 36, U.S.C., or a division, a  
231 department, a post, or a chapter of such organization, for which  
232 an alcoholic beverage license has been issued, and the veterans'  
233 service organization is in doubt about whether a machine meets  
234 the definition of an amusement machine under this section, the  
235 organization may petition the Florida Gaming Control Commission  
236 for a declaratory statement under s. 120.565 on whether the  
237 operation of the game or machine complies with this section or  
238 chapter 849. An organization awaiting a declaratory statement

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239 from the commission may not purchase or install such game or  
240 machine until the declaratory statement is issued.

241 2. If there is a game or machine currently on the premises  
242 of any veterans' service organization granted a federal charter  
243 under Title 36, U.S.C., or a division, a department, a post, or  
244 a chapter of such organization, for which an alcoholic beverage  
245 license has been issued and the veterans' service organization  
246 is in doubt about whether a machine meets the definition of an  
247 amusement machine under this section, the organization may  
248 petition the commission for a declaratory statement pursuant to  
249 s. 120.565 on whether the operation of the game or machine  
250 complies with this section or would be a violation of this  
251 section or chapter 849. If the game, machine, premises, or  
252 organization is the subject of an ongoing criminal  
253 investigation, the organization may not petition the commission  
254 for a declaratory statement under this subsection.

255 3. The commission shall issue a declaratory statement  
256 pursuant to this subsection within 60 days after receiving a  
257 petition requesting such statement. The commission may not deny  
258 a petition that is validly requested pursuant to this subsection  
259 and s. 120.565.

260 (b) A petition made under this subsection must provide  
261 enough information for the commission to issue the declaratory  
262 statement and must be accompanied by the exact specifications  
263 for the type of game or machine that the organization will

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264 purchase or install or currently has on the premises. The  
265 declaratory statement is valid only for the game or machine for  
266 which it is requested and is invalid if the specifications for  
267 the game or the machine have been changed.

268 (c) The declaratory statement is binding on the commission  
269 and may be introduced in any subsequent proceedings as evidence  
270 of a good faith effort to comply with this section or chapter  
271 849.

272 (d) This subsection does not prevent the commission or any  
273 other criminal justice agency as defined in s. 943.045 from  
274 detecting, apprehending, and arresting a person for any alleged  
275 violation of this chapter, chapter 24, part II of chapter 285,  
276 chapter 550, chapter 551, or chapter 849, or any rule adopted  
277 pursuant thereto, or of any law of this state.

278 (e) This subsection does not require an owner or an  
279 operator of an amusement game or machine under this section to  
280 request or obtain a declaratory statement in order to operate  
281 pursuant to this section.

282 **Section 5. Subsection (37) of section 550.002, Florida**  
283 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

284 550.002 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

285 (37) "Ultimate equitable owner" means a natural person  
286 who, directly or indirectly, owns or controls ~~5 percent or more~~  
287 ~~of~~ an ownership interest in a corporation, foreign corporation,  
288 or alien business organization, regardless of whether such

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289 person owns or controls such ownership through one or more  
290 natural persons or one or more proxies, powers of attorney,  
291 nominees, corporations, associations, partnerships, trusts,  
292 joint stock companies, or other entities or devices, or any  
293 combination thereof.

294 **Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (11) and subsection**  
295 **(12) of section 550.054, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

296 550.054 Application for permit to conduct pari-mutuel  
297 wagering.—

298 (11)

299 (b) If a permit to conduct pari-mutuel wagering is held by  
300 a corporation or business entity other than an individual, the  
301 transfer of any ~~10 percent or more of the~~ stock or other  
302 evidence of ownership or equity in the permitholder may not be  
303 made without the prior approval of the transferee by the  
304 commission pursuant to s. 550.1815.

305 (12) Changes in ownership or interest of a pari-mutuel  
306 permit of any ~~5 percent or more of the~~ stock or other evidence  
307 of ownership or equity in the permitholder shall be approved by  
308 the commission before ~~prior to~~ such change, ~~unless the owner is~~  
309 ~~an existing owner of that permit who was previously approved by~~  
310 ~~the commission. Changes in ownership or interest of a pari-~~  
311 ~~mutuel permit of less than 5 percent shall be reported to the~~  
312 ~~commission within 20 days of the change. The commission may then~~  
313 conduct an investigation related to the request for ~~to ensure~~

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314 ~~that the permit is properly updated to show the change in~~  
315 ~~ownership or interest.~~

316 **Section 7. Subsection (3) of section 550.09512, Florida**  
317 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

318 550.09512 Harness horse taxes; abandoned interest in a  
319 permit for nonpayment of taxes.—

320 (3)~~(a)~~ The permit of a harness horse permitholder who is  
321 conducting live harness horse performances and who does not pay  
322 tax on handle for any such performances conducted during any 2  
323 consecutive state fiscal years shall be void and may not be  
324 reissued unless such failure to operate and pay tax on handle  
325 was the direct result of fire, strike, war, hurricane, pandemic,  
326 or other disaster or event beyond the ability of the  
327 permitholder to control. Financial hardship to the permitholder  
328 shall not, in and of itself, constitute just cause for failure  
329 to operate and pay tax on handle.

330 ~~(b) In order to maximize the tax revenues to the state,~~  
331 ~~the commission shall reissue an escheated harness horse permit~~  
332 ~~to a qualified applicant pursuant to the provisions of this~~  
333 ~~chapter as for the issuance of an initial permit. However, the~~  
334 ~~provisions of this chapter relating to referendum requirements~~  
335 ~~for a pari-mutuel permit shall not apply to the reissuance of an~~  
336 ~~escheated harness horse permit. As specified in the application~~  
337 ~~and upon approval by the commission of an application for the~~  
338 ~~permit, the new permitholder shall be authorized to operate a~~

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339 ~~harness horse facility anywhere in the same county in which the~~  
340 ~~escheated permit was authorized to be operated, notwithstanding~~  
341 ~~the provisions of s. 550.054(2) relating to mileage limitations.~~

342 **Section 8. Subsection (3) of section 550.09515, Florida**  
343 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

344 550.09515 Thoroughbred horse taxes; abandoned interest in  
345 a permit for nonpayment of taxes.—

346 (3) ~~(a)~~ The permit of a thoroughbred horse permitholder who  
347 does not pay tax on handle for live thoroughbred horse  
348 performances for a full schedule of live races during any 2  
349 consecutive state fiscal years shall be void and shall not be  
350 reissued ~~escheat to and become the property of the state unless~~  
351 ~~such failure to operate and pay tax on handle was the direct~~  
352 ~~result of fire, strike, war, or other disaster or event beyond~~  
353 ~~the ability of the permitholder to control. Financial hardship~~  
354 ~~to the permitholder does ~~shall~~ not, in and of itself, constitute~~  
355 ~~just cause for failure to operate and pay tax on handle.~~

356 ~~(b) In order to maximize the tax revenues to the state,~~  
357 ~~the commission shall reissue an escheated thoroughbred horse~~  
358 ~~permit to a qualified applicant pursuant to the provisions of~~  
359 ~~this chapter as for the issuance of an initial permit. However,~~  
360 ~~the provisions of this chapter relating to referendum~~  
361 ~~requirements for a pari-mutuel permit shall not apply to the~~  
362 ~~reissuance of an escheated thoroughbred horse permit. As~~  
363 ~~specified in the application and upon approval by the commission~~

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364 ~~of an application for the permit, the new permit holder shall be~~  
365 ~~authorized to operate a thoroughbred horse facility anywhere in~~  
366 ~~the same county in which the escheated permit was authorized to~~  
367 ~~be operated, notwithstanding the provisions of s. 550.054(2)~~  
368 ~~relating to mileage limitations.~~

369 **Section 9. Section 838.12, Florida Statutes, is amended,**  
370 **to read:**

371 838.12 Bribery in athletic contests.-

372 (1) A person who ~~Whoever~~ gives, promises, offers or  
373 conspires to give, promise or offer, to anyone who participates  
374 or expects to participate in any professional or amateur game,  
375 contest, match, race or sport; or to any umpire, referee, judge  
376 or other official of such game, contest, match, race or sport;  
377 or to any owner, manager, coach or trainer of, or to any  
378 relative of, or to any person having any direct, indirect,  
379 remote or possible connection with, any team, individual,  
380 participant or prospective participant in any such professional  
381 or amateur game, contest, match, race or sport, or the officials  
382 aforesaid, any bribe, money, goods, present, reward or any  
383 valuable thing whatsoever, or any promise, contract or agreement  
384 whatsoever, with intent to influence him or her or them to lose  
385 or cause to be lost any game, contest, match, race or sport, or  
386 to limit his or her or their or any person's or any team's  
387 margin of victory in any game, contest, match, race, or sport,  
388 or to fix or throw any game, contest, match, race or sport,

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389 commits ~~shall be guilty of~~ a felony of the third degree,  
390 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

391 (2) Any participant or prospective participant in any  
392 professional or amateur game, contest, match, race or sport; or  
393 any umpire, referee, judge or other official of such game,  
394 contest, match, race or sport; or any owner, manager, coach or  
395 trainer of, or any relative of, or any person having any direct,  
396 indirect, remote or possible connection with, any team,  
397 individual, participant or prospective participant in any such  
398 professional or amateur game, contest, match, race or sport, or  
399 the officials aforesaid; who in any way solicits, receives or  
400 accepts, or agrees to receive or accept, or who conspires to  
401 receive or accept, any bribe, money, goods, present, reward or  
402 any valuable thing whatsoever, or any promise, contract or  
403 agreement whatsoever, with intent to lose or cause to be lost  
404 any game, contest, match, race or sport, or to limit his, her,  
405 their or any person's or any team's margin of victory in any  
406 game, contest, match, race or sport, or to fix or throw any  
407 game, contest, match, race or sport, commits ~~shall be guilty of~~  
408 a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.  
409 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

410 (3) A person who stakes, bets, or wagers any money or  
411 other thing of value upon the result of any professional or  
412 amateur game, contest, match, race, or sport with knowledge that  
413 the results of such professional or amateur game, contest,

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414 match, race, or sport are prearranged or predetermined as  
415 described in subsection (1) or subsection (2) commits a felony  
416 of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
417 775.083, or s. 775.084.

418 **Section 10. Section 849.01, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
419 **to read:**

420 849.01 Keeping gambling houses, etc.—A person who ~~Whoever~~  
421 ~~by herself or himself, her or his servant, clerk or agent, or in~~  
422 ~~any other manner has, keeps, exercises or maintains a gaming~~  
423 ~~table or room, or gaming implements or apparatus, or house,~~  
424 ~~booth, tent, shelter or other place for the purpose of gaming or~~  
425 ~~gambling or in any place of which she or he may directly or~~  
426 ~~indirectly have charge, control or management, either~~  
427 ~~exclusively or with others, procures, suffers or permits any~~  
428 ~~person to play for money or other valuable thing at any game~~  
429 ~~whatever, whether heretofore prohibited or not, commits a felony~~  
430 ~~misdemeanor of the third ~~second~~ degree, punishable as provided~~  
431 ~~in s. 775.082, ~~or~~ s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.~~

432 **Section 11. Section 849.02, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
433 **to read:**

434 849.02 Agents or employees of keeper of gambling house.—A  
435 person who ~~Whoever~~ acts as servant, clerk, agent, or employee of  
436 any person in the violation of s. 849.01 commits:

437 (1) For a first offense, a misdemeanor of the first  
438 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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439 (2) For a second offense, a felony of the third degree,  
440 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

441 (3) For a third or subsequent offense, a felony of the  
442 second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,  
443 or s. 775.084 shall be punished in the manner and to the extent  
444 therein mentioned.

445 **Section 12. Section 849.03, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
446 **to read:**

447 849.03 Renting house for gambling purposes.—A person who  
448 ~~whoever~~, whether as owner or agent, knowingly rents to another a  
449 house, room, booth, tent, shelter or place for the purpose of  
450 gaming commits:

451 (1) For a first offense, a felony of the third degree,  
452 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084  
453 shall be punished in the manner and to the extent mentioned in  
454 s. 849.01.

455 (2) For a second or subsequent offense, a felony of the  
456 second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,  
457 or s. 775.084.

458 **Section 13. Section 849.08, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
459 **to read:**

460 849.08 Gambling.—

461 (1) As used in this section, the term:

462 (a) "Illegal gambling" means any criminal violation of  
463 chapter 546, chapter 550, or chapter 551, or this chapter that

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464 occurs at any business, establishment, premises, or other  
465 location.

466 (b) "Internet gambling" means to play or engage in any  
467 game in which money or other thing of value is awarded based on  
468 chance, regardless of any application of skill, that is  
469 available on the Internet and accessible on a mobile device,  
470 computer terminal, or other similar access device and simulates  
471 casino-style gaming, including, but not limited to, slot  
472 machines, video poker, and table games.

473 (c) "Internet sports wagering" means to use a platform  
474 that is available on the Internet and accessible on a mobile  
475 device, computer terminal, or other similar access device to  
476 stake, bet, or wager any money or other thing of value upon the  
477 result of any trial or contest of skill, speed, power, or  
478 endurance of human or beast.

479 (2) A person who ~~whoever~~ plays or engages in Internet  
480 gambling or any game at cards, keno, roulette, faro or other  
481 game of chance, at any place, by any device whatever, for money  
482 or other thing of value, ~~commits shall be guilty of a~~  
483 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.  
484 775.082 or s. 775.083.

485 (3) A person who plays or engages in Internet sports  
486 wagering commits:

487 (a) For a first offense, a misdemeanor of the second  
488 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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489 (b) For a second or subsequent offense, a misdemeanor of  
490 the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
491 775.083.

492 (4) A person who operates, conducts, or promotes illegal  
493 gambling, Internet gambling or Internet sports wagering, or  
494 receives in any manner whatsoever any money or other thing of  
495 value offered for the purpose of illegal gambling, Internet  
496 gambling or Internet sports wagering, or who knowingly becomes  
497 the custodian or depositary of any money or other thing of value  
498 so offered, or who aids, assists, abets, or influences in any  
499 manner in any of such acts commits a felony of the third degree,  
500 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

501 (5) This section does not apply to participation in, or  
502 the conduct of, any gaming activities authorized under s.  
503 285.710(13) and conducted pursuant to a gaming compact ratified  
504 and approved under s. 285.710(3), or any gaming activities  
505 authorized under chapter 550.

506 **Section 14. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (12) of**  
507 **section 849.086, Florida Statutes, to read:**

508 849.086 Cardrooms authorized.—

509 (12) PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.—

510 (e) A person who, by physical tampering or by use of any  
511 object, instrument, or device, whether mechanical, electrical,  
512 magnetic, or involving other means, manipulates or attempts to  
513 manipulate playing cards for the purpose of affecting the

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514 outcome or payoff of a card game in a licensed cardroom, or  
515 otherwise manipulates or attempts to manipulate the outcome or  
516 payoff of such a card game, commits a felony of the third  
517 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.  
518 775.084.

519 **Section 15. Section 849.0932, Florida Statutes, is created**  
520 **to read:**

521 849.0932 Fantasy sports contests; conditions for conduct.-

522 (1) As used in this section, the term "fantasy sports  
523 contest" means a contest in which a participant pays an entry  
524 fee and manages a fantasy or simulation sports team composed of  
525 athletes from a professional sports organization with the  
526 opportunity to win a cash prize. The term includes a simulation  
527 sports game.

528 (2) Fantasy sports contests must meet all of the following  
529 requirements:

530 (a) Prizes and awards for the winning participants are  
531 established and disclosed to contest participants before entry.

532 (b) All winning outcomes reflect the relative knowledge  
533 and skill of the fantasy sports contest participant.

534 (c) All winning outcomes are determined predominantly by  
535 accumulated statistical results of the performance of more than  
536 one individual.

537 (d) A winning outcome may not be based on:

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538 1. The score, point spread, or performance of a team or  
539 combination of teams.

540 2. The single performance of an individual in a single  
541 event or a pari-mutuel event, as the term "pari-mutuel" is  
542 defined in s. 550.002 as of January 1, 2026.

543 3. A game of poker or other card game.

544 4. The performance of participants in collegiate, high  
545 school, or youth sporting events.

546 (e) Casino graphics, themes, or titles, including, but not  
547 limited to, depictions of slot machine-style symbols, cards,  
548 dice, craps, roulette, or lotto, are not displayed or depicted.

549 (3) (a) A violation of this section is punishable by a fine  
550 of \$1,000 in addition to civil and criminal penalties.

551 (b) An operator or owner of any website, platform, or  
552 application that offers fantasy sports contests in violation of  
553 this section is punishable by a fine of up to \$100,000 per  
554 violation.

555 (4) The Florida Gaming Control Commission shall  
556 investigate and refer violations of this section for  
557 prosecution. The Attorney General or state attorney may also  
558 institute proceedings to enjoin any person found to be violating  
559 this section.

560 (5) (a) A person who willfully and knowingly violates any  
561 provision of this section commits a misdemeanor of the first  
562 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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563 (b) An operator or owner of any website, platform, or  
564 application that offers fantasy sports contests in violation of  
565 this section commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as  
566 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

567 **Section 16. Section 849.11, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
568 **to read:**

569 849.11 Plays at games of chance by lot.—

570 (1) A person who ~~Whoever sets up, promotes or plays in~~  
571 person or in any other manner, including, but not limited to, by  
572 the use, at least in part, of the Internet, at any game of  
573 chance by lot or with dice, cards, numbers, hazards or any other  
574 gambling device whatever for, or for the disposal of money or  
575 other thing of value or under the pretext of a sale, gift or  
576 delivery thereof, or for any right, share or interest therein,  
577 commits shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree,  
578 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

579 (2) A person who sets up, operates, conducts, promotes, or  
580 receives in any manner whatsoever any money or other thing of  
581 value offered for the purpose of playing at any game of chance  
582 by lot in violation of subsection (1), or who knowingly becomes  
583 the custodian or depositary of any money or other thing of value  
584 so offered, or who aids, assists, abets, or influences in any  
585 manner in any of such acts, commits a felony of the third  
586 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.  
587 775.084.

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588           **Section 17. Section 849.13, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
589 **to read:**

590           849.13 ~~Punishment on~~ Second or subsequent offense in  
591 connection with lotteries conviction. A person who commits a  
592 second or subsequent violation of the same ~~Whoever, after being~~  
593 ~~convicted of an offense forbidden by law~~ in connection with  
594 lotteries for which there is no penalty specified for a second  
595 or subsequent offense, shall have the offense reclassified to an  
596 offense of the next higher degree, ~~commits the like offense,~~  
597 ~~shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable~~  
598 ~~as provided in s. 775.082, or s. 775.083.~~ For purposes of  
599 sentencing under chapter 921, a felony offense that is  
600 reclassified under this section is ranked one level above the  
601 ranking under s. 921.0022 or s. 921.0023 of the felony offense  
602 committed.

603           **Section 18. Section 849.14, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
604 **to read:**

605           849.14 Unlawful to bet on result of trial or contest of  
606 skill, etc. A person who:

607           (1) ~~Whoever~~ Stakes, bets, or wagers any money or other  
608 thing of value upon the result of any trial or contest of skill,  
609 speed or power or endurance of human or beast;

610           (2) ~~, or whoever~~ Receives in any manner whatsoever any  
611 money or other thing of value staked, bet, or wagered, or

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612 offered for the purpose of being staked, bet, or wagered, by or  
613 for any other person upon any such result;

614 (3) ~~, or whoever~~ Knowingly becomes the custodian or  
615 depository of any money or other thing of value so staked, bet,  
616 or wagered upon any such result;~~;~~ or

617 (4) ~~whoever~~ Aids, or assists, or abets, or influences in  
618 any manner in any of such acts,

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620 ~~all of which are hereby forbidden,~~ commits a felony of the third  
621 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, ~~or~~ s. 775.083, or  
622 s. 775.084.

623 **Section 19.** Section 849.142, Florida Statutes, is  
624 repealed.

625 **Section 20. Section 849.15, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
626 **to read:**

627 849.15 Manufacture, sale, possession, etc., of slot  
628 machines or devices prohibited.—

629 (1) As used in this section, the term:

630 (a) "Conviction" means a determination of guilt that is  
631 the result of a plea or a trial, regardless of whether  
632 adjudication is withheld or a plea of nolo contendere is  
633 entered.

634 (b) "Person of authority" means a person who, at any  
635 business, establishment, premises, or other location at which a  
636 slot machine or device is offered for play:

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637 1. Has actual authority to act on behalf of the business,  
638 establishment, premises, or other location; or

639 2. Is an officer, director, or managing member of the  
640 business, establishment, premises, or other location.

641 (2)-(1) It is unlawful:

642 (a) To manufacture, own, store, keep, possess, sell, rent,  
643 lease, let on shares, lend or give away, transport, or expose  
644 for sale or lease, or to offer to sell, rent, lease, let on  
645 shares, lend or give away, or permit the operation of, or for  
646 any person to permit to be placed, maintained, or used or kept  
647 in any room, space, or building owned, leased or occupied by the  
648 person or under the person's management or control, any slot  
649 machine or device or any part thereof; or

650 (b) To make or to permit to be made with any person any  
651 agreement with reference to any slot machine or device, pursuant  
652 to which the user thereof, as a result of any element of chance  
653 or other outcome unpredictable to him or her, may become  
654 entitled to receive any money, credit, allowance, or thing of  
655 value or additional chance or right to use such machine or  
656 device, or to receive any check, slug, token or memorandum  
657 entitling the holder to receive any money, credit, allowance or  
658 thing of value.

659 (3) (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), a  
660 person who violates subsection (2) commits a misdemeanor of the

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661 first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
662 775.083.

663 (b) A person commits a felony of the third degree,  
664 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084,  
665 if he or she violates subsection (2) and:

666 1. Was a person of authority at the time of the violation;

667 or

668 2. Has one prior conviction for a violation of subsection  
669 (2).

670 (c) A person commits a felony of the second degree,  
671 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084,  
672 if he or she violates subsection (2) and:

673 1.a. Was a person of authority at the time of the  
674 violation; and

675 b. The violation involves five or more slot machines or  
676 devices; or

677 2. Has two or more prior convictions for a violation of  
678 subsection (2).

679 (4)-(2) Pursuant to section 2 of that chapter of the  
680 Congress of the United States entitled "An act to prohibit  
681 transportation of gaming devices in interstate and foreign  
682 commerce," approved January 2, 1951, being ch. 1194, 64 Stat.  
683 1134, and also designated as 15 U.S.C. ss. 1171-1177, the State  
684 of Florida, acting by and through the duly elected and qualified  
685 members of its Legislature, does hereby in this section, and in

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686 accordance with and in compliance with the provisions of section  
687 2 of such chapter of Congress, declare and proclaim that any  
688 county of the State of Florida within which slot machine gaming  
689 is authorized pursuant to chapter 551 is exempt from the  
690 provisions of section 2 of that chapter of the Congress of the  
691 United States entitled "An act to prohibit transportation of  
692 gaming devices in interstate and foreign commerce," designated  
693 as 15 U.S.C. ss. 1171-1177, approved January 2, 1951. All  
694 shipments of gaming devices, including slot machines, into any  
695 county of this state within which slot machine gaming is  
696 authorized pursuant to chapter 551 and the registering,  
697 recording, and labeling of which have been duly performed by the  
698 manufacturer or distributor thereof in accordance with sections  
699 3 and 4 of that chapter of the Congress of the United States  
700 entitled "An act to prohibit transportation of gaming devices in  
701 interstate and foreign commerce," approved January 2, 1951,  
702 being ch. 1194, 64 Stat. 1134, and also designated as 15 U.S.C.  
703 ss. 1171-1177, shall be deemed legal shipments thereof into this  
704 state provided the destination of such shipments is an eligible  
705 facility as defined in s. 551.102 or the facility of a slot  
706 machine manufacturer or slot machine distributor as provided in  
707 s. 551.109(2) (a).

708 **Section 21. Section 849.155, Florida Statutes, is created**  
709 **to read:**

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710 849.155 Trafficking in slot machines, devices, or parts.—A  
711 person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures, transports,  
712 delivers, or brings into this state more than 15 slot machines  
713 or devices or any parts thereof commits a felony of the first  
714 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.  
715 775.084. If the quantity of slot machines or devices or any  
716 parts thereof involved is:

717 (1) More than 15 slot machines or devices or any parts  
718 thereof, but less than 25 slot machines or devices or any parts  
719 thereof, such person must be fined \$100,000.

720 (2) Twenty-five slot machines or devices or any parts  
721 thereof or more, but less than 50 slot machines or devices or  
722 any parts thereof, such person must be fined \$250,000.

723 (3) Fifty slot machines or devices or any parts thereof or  
724 more, such person must be fined \$500,000.

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726 Notwithstanding any other law, all fines imposed and collected  
727 pursuant to this section must be deposited into the Pari-mutuel  
728 Wagering Trust Fund and may be used for the enforcement of  
729 chapters 546, 550, 551, and this chapter by the Florida Gaming  
730 Control Commission.

731 **Section 22. Section 849.157, Florida Statutes, is created**  
732 **to read:**

733 849.157 Making a false or misleading statement regarding  
734 the legality of slot machines or devices to facilitate sale.—

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735 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a person who  
736 knowingly and willfully makes a materially false or misleading  
737 statement or who knowingly and willfully disseminates false or  
738 misleading information regarding the legality of a slot machine  
739 or device for the purpose of facilitating the sale or delivery  
740 of a slot machine or device for any money or other valuable  
741 consideration commits a felony of the third degree, punishable  
742 as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

743 (2) A person who violates subsection (1), when such a  
744 violation involves the sale or delivery, or attempted sale or  
745 delivery, of five or more slot machines or devices commits a  
746 felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.  
747 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

748 **Section 23.** Section 849.23, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

749 **Section 24. Section 849.47, Florida Statutes, is created**  
750 **to read:**

751 849.47 Transporting or procuring the transportation of  
752 persons to facilitate illegal gambling.-

753 (1) As used in this section, the term "illegal gambling"  
754 means any criminal violation of chapter 546, chapter 550, or  
755 chapter 551, or this chapter that occurs at any business,  
756 establishment, premises, or other location.

757 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3), a person who  
758 knowingly and willfully transports, or procures the  
759 transportation of, five or more other persons into or within

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760 this state when he or she knows or reasonably should know that  
761 such transportation is for the purpose of facilitating illegal  
762 gambling commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable  
763 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

764 (3) (a) A person who transports, or procures the  
765 transportation of, a minor or a person 65 years of age or older  
766 in violation of subsection (2) commits a felony of the third  
767 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.  
768 775.084.

769 (b) A person who transports, or procures the  
770 transportation of, 12 or more persons in violation of subsection  
771 (2) commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided  
772 in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

773 (c) A person who commits a second or subsequent violation  
774 of subsection (2) within a 2-year period commits a felony of the  
775 third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,  
776 or s. 775.084.

777 **Section 25. Section 849.48, Florida Statutes, is created**  
778 **to read:**

779 849.48 Gambling or gaming advertisements; prohibited.—

780 (1) As used in this section, the term "illegal gambling"  
781 means any criminal violation of this chapter, chapter 546,  
782 chapter 550, or chapter 551 which occurs at any business,  
783 establishment, premises, or other location.



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784 (2) (a) Except as otherwise specifically authorized by law,  
785 a person may not knowingly and intentionally make, publish,  
786 disseminate, circulate, or place before the public, or cause,  
787 directly or indirectly, to be made, published, disseminated,  
788 circulated, or placed before the public in this state, in any  
789 manner, whether in person or by the use, at least in part, of  
790 the Internet, any advertisement, circular, bill, poster,  
791 pamphlet, list, schedule, announcement, or notice for the  
792 purpose of promoting or facilitating illegal gambling.

793 (b) Except as otherwise specifically authorized by law, a  
794 person may not set up any type or plate for any type of  
795 advertisement, circular, bill, poster, pamphlet, list, schedule,  
796 announcement, or notice when he or she knows or reasonably  
797 should know that such material will be used for the purpose of  
798 promoting or facilitating illegal gambling.

799 (c) A person who violates this subsection commits:

800 1. For a first offense, a misdemeanor of the first degree,  
801 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

802 2. For a second or subsequent offense, a felony of the  
803 third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,  
804 or s. 775.084.

805 (3) This section does not prohibit the printing or  
806 producing of any advertisement, circular, bill, poster,  
807 pamphlet, list, schedule, announcement, or notice to be used for  
808 the purpose of promoting or facilitating gambling conducted in

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809 any other state or nation, outside of this state, where such  
 810 gambling is not prohibited.

811 **Section 26. Section 849.49, Florida Statutes, is created**  
 812 **to read:**

813 849.49 Preemption.—A county, municipality, or other  
 814 political subdivision of the state may not enact or enforce any  
 815 ordinance or local rule relating to gaming, gambling, lotteries,  
 816 or any activities described in s. 546.10 or this chapter, except  
 817 as otherwise expressly provided by the State Constitution,  
 818 general law, or special law.

819 **Section 27. Paragraphs (a), (c), (e), and (g) of**  
 820 **subsection (3) of section 921.0022, Florida Statutes, are**  
 821 **amended to read:**

822 921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity  
 823 ranking chart.—

824 (3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART

825 (a) LEVEL 1

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Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
24.118(3)(a)	3rd	Counterfeit or altered state lottery ticket.

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829	104.0616(2)	3rd	Unlawfully distributing, ordering, requesting, collecting, delivering, or possessing vote-by-mail ballots.
830	212.054(2)(b)	3rd	Discretionary sales surtax; limitations, administration, and collection.
831	212.15(2)(b)	3rd	Failure to remit sales taxes, amount \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000.
832	316.1935(1)	3rd	Fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement officer.
833	319.30(5)	3rd	Sell, exchange, give away certificate of title or identification number plate.
834	319.35(1)(a)	3rd	Tamper, adjust, change, etc., an odometer.

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835	320.26(1)(a)	3rd	Counterfeit, manufacture, or sell registration license plates or validation stickers.
836	322.212 (1)(a)-(c)	3rd	Possession of forged, stolen, counterfeit, or unlawfully issued driver license; possession of simulated identification.
837	322.212(4)	3rd	Supply or aid in supplying unauthorized driver license or identification card.
838	322.212(5)(a)	3rd	False application for driver license or identification card.
839	414.39(3)(a)	3rd	Fraudulent misappropriation of public assistance funds by employee/official, value more than \$200.
	443.071(1)	3rd	False statement or representation to obtain or

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increase reemployment  
assistance benefits.

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509.151 (1) 3rd Defraud an innkeeper, food or  
lodging value \$1,000 or more.

841

517.302 (1) 3rd Violation of the Florida  
Securities and Investor  
Protection Act.

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713.69 3rd Tenant removes property upon  
which lien has accrued, value  
\$1,000 or more.

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812.014 (3) (c) 3rd Petit theft (3rd conviction);  
theft of any property not  
specified in subsection (2).

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815.04 (4) (a) 3rd Offense against intellectual  
property (i.e., computer  
programs, data).

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817.52 (2) 3rd Hiring with intent to defraud,  
motor vehicle services.

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847	817.569(2)	3rd	Use of public record or public records information or providing false information to facilitate commission of a felony.
848	826.01	3rd	Bigamy.
849	828.122(3)	3rd	Fighting or baiting animals.
850	831.04(1)	3rd	Any erasure, alteration, etc., of any replacement deed, map, plat, or other document listed in s. 92.28.
851	831.31(1)(a)	3rd	Sell, deliver, or possess counterfeit controlled substances, all but s. 893.03(5) drugs.
852	832.041(1)	3rd	Stopping payment with intent to defraud \$150 or more.
	832.05(2)(b) & (4)(c)	3rd	Knowing, making, issuing worthless checks \$150 or more

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or obtaining property in return  
for worthless check \$150 or  
more.

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838.15 (2) 3rd Commercial bribe receiving.

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838.16 3rd Commercial bribery.

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843.18 3rd Fleeing by boat to elude a law  
enforcement officer.

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847.011 (1) (a) 3rd Sell, distribute, etc.,  
obscene, lewd, etc., material  
(2nd conviction).

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~~849.09 (1) (a) - (d) 3rd Lottery; set up, promote, etc.,  
or assist therein, conduct or  
advertise drawing for prizes,  
or dispose of property or money  
by means of lottery.~~

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~~849.23 3rd Gambling-related machines;  
"common offender" as to  
property rights.~~

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860	<del>849.25(2)</del>	<del>3rd</del>	<del>Engaging in bookmaking.</del>
	860.08	3rd	Interfere with a railroad signal.
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	860.13(1)(a)	3rd	Operate aircraft while under the influence.
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	893.13(2)(a)2.	3rd	Purchase of cannabis.
863			
	893.13(6)(a)	3rd	Possession of cannabis (more than 20 grams).
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	934.03(1)(a)	3rd	Intercepts, or procures any other person to intercept, any wire or oral communication.
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866	(c) LEVEL 3		
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	Florida	Felony	
	Statute	Degree	Description
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	119.10(2)(b)	3rd	Unlawful use of confidential information from police reports.

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869	316.066	3rd	Unlawfully obtaining or using
	(3) (b) - (d)		confidential crash reports.
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	316.193 (2) (b)	3rd	Felony DUI, 3rd conviction.
871			
	316.1935 (2)	3rd	Fleeing or attempting to elude
			law enforcement officer in
			patrol vehicle with siren and
			lights activated.
872			
	319.30 (4)	3rd	Possession by junkyard of motor
			vehicle with identification
			number plate removed.
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	319.33 (1) (a)	3rd	Alter or forge any certificate
			of title to a motor vehicle or
			mobile home.
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	319.33 (1) (c)	3rd	Procure or pass title on stolen
			vehicle.
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	319.33 (4)	3rd	With intent to defraud,
			possess, sell, etc., a blank,

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forged, or unlawfully obtained  
title or registration.

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327.35(2)(b) 3rd Felony BUI.

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328.05(2) 3rd Possess, sell, or counterfeit  
fictitious, stolen, or  
fraudulent titles or bills of  
sale of vessels.

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328.07(4) 3rd Manufacture, exchange, or  
possess vessel with counterfeit  
or wrong ID number.

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376.302(5) 3rd Fraud related to reimbursement  
for cleanup expenses under the  
Inland Protection Trust Fund.

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379.2431 3rd Taking, disturbing, mutilating,  
(1)(e)5. destroying, causing to be  
destroyed, transferring,  
selling, offering to sell,  
molesting, or harassing marine  
turtles, marine turtle eggs, or  
marine turtle nests in

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violation of the Marine Turtle  
Protection Act.

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3rd

Possessing any marine turtle  
species or hatchling, or parts  
thereof, or the nest of any  
marine turtle species described  
in the Marine Turtle Protection  
Act.

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(1) (e) 7.

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Soliciting to commit or  
conspiring to commit a  
violation of the Marine Turtle  
Protection Act.

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400.9935 (4) (a)  
or (b)

3rd

Operating a clinic, or offering  
services requiring licensure,  
without a license.

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400.9935 (4) (e)

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Filing a false license  
application or other required  
information or failing to  
report information.

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886	440.1051 (3)	3rd	False report of workers' compensation fraud or retaliation for making such a report.
887	501.001 (2) (b)	2nd	Tampers with a consumer product or the container using materially false/misleading information.
888	624.401 (4) (a)	3rd	Transacting insurance without a certificate of authority.
889	624.401 (4) (b) 1.	3rd	Transacting insurance without a certificate of authority; premium collected less than \$20,000.
890	626.902 (1) (a) & (b)	3rd	Representing an unauthorized insurer.
891	697.08	3rd	Equity skimming.

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892	790.15(3)	3rd	Person directs another to discharge firearm from a vehicle.
893	794.053	3rd	Lewd or lascivious written solicitation of a person 16 or 17 years of age by a person 24 years of age or older.
894	800.045(3)	3rd	Possess, control, or intentionally view any photographic material, motion picture, etc., which includes a lewd or lascivious image.
895	806.10(1)	3rd	Maliciously injure, destroy, or interfere with vehicles or equipment used in firefighting.
896	806.10(2)	3rd	Interferes with or assaults firefighter in performance of duty.
	810.09(2)(b)	3rd	Trespass on property other than structure or conveyance armed

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with firearm or dangerous  
weapon.

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810.145(2)(c) 3rd Digital voyeurism; 19 years of  
age or older.

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812.014(2)(c)2. 3rd Grand theft; \$5,000 or more but  
less than \$10,000.

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812.0145(2)(c) 3rd Theft from person 65 years of  
age or older; \$300 or more but  
less than \$10,000.

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812.015(8)(b) 3rd Retail theft with intent to  
sell; conspires with others.

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812.081(2) 3rd Theft of a trade secret.

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815.04(4)(b) 2nd Computer offense devised to  
defraud or obtain property.

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817.034(4)(a)3. 3rd Engages in scheme to defraud  
(Florida Communications Fraud  
Act), property valued at less  
than \$20,000.

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904	817.233	3rd	Burning to defraud insurer.
905	817.234 (8) (b) & (c)	3rd	Unlawful solicitation of persons involved in motor vehicle accidents.
906	817.234 (11) (a)	3rd	Insurance fraud; property value less than \$20,000.
907	817.236	3rd	Filing a false motor vehicle insurance application.
908	817.2361	3rd	Creating, marketing, or presenting a false or fraudulent motor vehicle insurance card.
909	817.413 (2)	3rd	Sale of used goods of \$1,000 or more as new.
910	817.49 (2) (b) 1.	3rd	Willful making of a false report of a crime causing great bodily harm, permanent

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911			disfigurement, or permanent disability.
912	831.28(2)(a)	3rd	Counterfeiting a payment instrument with intent to defraud or possessing a counterfeit payment instrument with intent to defraud.
913	831.29	2nd	Possession of instruments for counterfeiting driver licenses or identification cards.
914	836.13(2)	3rd	Generating an altered sexual depiction of an identifiable person without consent.
915	836.13(4)	3rd	Promoting, or possessing with intent to promote, an altered sexual depiction of an identifiable person without consent.
	<u>838.12(3)</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Betting on predetermined or prearranged professional or</u>



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amateur game, contest, match,  
race, or sport.

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838.021 (3) (b) 3rd Threatens unlawful harm to  
public servant.

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847.01385 3rd Harmful communication to a  
minor.

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849.01 3rd Keeping gambling house.

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849.02 (2) 3rd Agents or employees of keeper  
of gambling house.

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849.03 (1) 3rd Renting house for gambling  
purposes.

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849.086 (12) (e) 3rd Tampering with cards or card  
games.

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849.09 (1) (a) - (d) 3rd Lottery; set up, promote, etc.,  
or assist therein, conduct or  
advertise drawing for prizes,  
or dispose of property or money  
by means of lottery.

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849.09(1)(e)-(k)      3rd      Conducting unlawful lottery;  
second or subsequent offense.

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Remove lines 57-58 and insert:

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amending s. 849.08, F.S.; defining the terms "Illegal

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gambling", "Internet gambling", and "Internet sports

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wagering"; prohibiting