

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to gaming; amending s. 20.165, F.S.;
3 deleting the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering within
4 the Department of Business and Professional
5 Regulation; creating s. 20.318, F.S.; establishing the
6 Department of Gaming Control; designating the State
7 Gaming Commission as head of the department; defining
8 terms; specifying powers and duties of the department;
9 authorizing the department to take testimony;
10 authorizing the department to exclude persons from
11 certain gaming establishments; authorizing the
12 department to collect taxes and require compliance
13 with reporting requirements for financial information;
14 authorizing the department to conduct investigations
15 and impose certain fines; authorizing the department
16 to adopt rules; authorizing the department to contract
17 with the Department of Law Enforcement for certain
18 purposes; directing the department to contract with
19 the Department of Revenue for tax collection and
20 financial audit services; authorizing the Department
21 of Revenue to assist in financial investigations of
22 licensees and applicants for licenses; requiring the
23 department to assist the Department of Revenue for the
24 benefit of financially dependent children; authorizing
25 the department to terminate certain deficient license
26 applications and approve licenses; amending s. 120.80,
27 F.S.; deleting certain exceptions and special
28 requirements regarding hearings applicable to the

29 Department of Business and Professional Regulation;
30 creating certain exceptions and special requirements
31 regarding hearings within the Department of Gaming
32 Control; exempting the Destination Resort Selection
33 Committee from specified provisions of the
34 Administrative Procedure Act; designating ss. 551.101-
35 551.123, F.S., as pt. II of ch. 551, F.S., entitled
36 "Slot Machines"; creating ss. 551.002-551.012, F.S.,
37 as pt. I of ch. 551, F.S., entitled "State Gaming
38 Commission"; creating s. 551.002, F.S.; providing
39 definitions; creating s. 551.003, F.S.; creating the
40 State Gaming Commission; providing for membership,
41 terms, service, and compensation; providing for a
42 chair and vice chair; providing that the chair is the
43 administrative head of the commission; providing for a
44 quorum, headquarters, and meetings; providing that the
45 commission serves as the agency head for the
46 department for purposes of the Administrative
47 Procedure Act; providing that the executive director
48 of the commission may serve as the agency head for the
49 department for certain related purposes; creating s.
50 551.004, F.S.; creating the State Gaming Commission
51 Nominating Committee; providing for membership,
52 organization, and responsibilities of the committee;
53 providing procedures for nomination and appointment of
54 members of the commission; creating s. 551.006, F.S.;
55 providing for an executive director of the department;
56 creating s. 551.007, F.S.; providing for the

57 | department to employ law enforcement officers or, by
58 | interagency agreement, the Department of Law
59 | Enforcement to enforce laws within its jurisdiction;
60 | creating s. 551.008, F.S.; providing for a code of
61 | ethics for the commission and its employees, including
62 | restrictions following membership or employment;
63 | defining the terms "business entity" and "outside
64 | employment"; creating s. 551.009, F.S.; providing for
65 | disclosure of certain information by commission
66 | members, employees, and agents; prohibiting certain
67 | negotiations for employment by commission members,
68 | employees, and agents; prohibiting certain gifts;
69 | requiring reporting of bribe offers; creating s.
70 | 551.011, F.S.; providing procedures relating to ex
71 | parte communications; providing for the Commission on
72 | Ethics to investigate complaints, report to the
73 | Governor, and enforce assessed penalties; requiring
74 | the Commission on Ethics to provide notice to a person
75 | alleged to have participated in an ex parte
76 | communication and allow that person to present a
77 | defense; providing penalties; creating s. 551.012,
78 | F.S.; providing penalties for violation of specified
79 | provisions by a commission member, employee, or agent;
80 | creating ss. 551.301-551.331, F.S., as pt. III of ch.
81 | 551, F.S., entitled "Destination Resorts"; creating s.
82 | 551.301, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s.
83 | 551.302, F.S.; providing definitions; creating s.
84 | 551.304, F.S.; specifying the powers of the

85 | commission, including the power to authorize gaming at
86 | a limited number of destination resorts, conduct
87 | investigations, issue subpoenas, take enforcement
88 | actions, and create an invitation to negotiate process
89 | to evaluate applications for a resort license;
90 | authorizing the commission to collect taxes,
91 | assessments, fees, and penalties; specifying the
92 | jurisdiction and authority of the commission, the
93 | Department of Law Enforcement, and local law
94 | enforcement agencies to investigate criminal
95 | violations and enforce compliance with law; requiring
96 | the commission to revoke or suspend the license of a
97 | person who was unqualified at the time of licensure or
98 | who is no longer qualified to be licensed; creating s.
99 | 551.305, F.S.; authorizing the commission to adopt
100 | rules relating to the types of gaming authorized,
101 | requirements for the issuance, renewal, revocation,
102 | and suspension of licenses, the disclosure of
103 | financial interests, procedures to test gaming
104 | equipment, procedures to verify gaming revenues and
105 | the collection of taxes, requirements for gaming
106 | equipment, procedures relating to a facilities-based
107 | computer system, bond requirements of resort
108 | licensees, the maintenance of records, procedures to
109 | calculate the payout percentages of slot machines,
110 | security standards, the scope and conditions for
111 | investigations and inspections into the conduct of
112 | limited gaming, the seizure of gaming equipment and

113 records without notice or a warrant, employee drug-
114 testing programs, and the payment of costs, fines, and
115 application fees; authorizing the commission to adopt
116 emergency rules; exempting the rules from specified
117 provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act;
118 creating s. 551.306, F.S.; preempting the regulation
119 of limited gaming at a destination resort to the
120 state; creating s. 551.307, F.S.; restricting the
121 award of resort licenses by the commission;
122 authorizing participation in gaming at a licensed
123 resort; creating s. 551.308, F.S.; requiring the
124 commission to develop an invitation to negotiate
125 process to award a resort license; providing criteria
126 and procedures; creating s. 551.309, F.S.; specifying
127 the criteria for evaluation of applications and award
128 of a destination resort license; specifying events
129 that disqualify an applicant from eligibility for a
130 resort license; defining the term "conviction";
131 creating s. 551.310, F.S.; providing for applications
132 for a destination resort license; specifying the
133 information that must be on or included with an
134 application for a resort license; providing for
135 collection of fingerprints; providing for application
136 fees for a resort license to defray the costs of an
137 investigation of the applicant; requiring the payment
138 of application and licensing fees to be submitted with
139 the application for a resort license; creating s.
140 551.311, F.S.; providing that an incomplete

141 application is grounds for denial of the application;
142 requiring the executive director to notify an
143 applicant for a resort license if the application is
144 incomplete; authorizing the applicant to have an
145 informal conference with the executive director to
146 discuss an incomplete application; authorizing the
147 executive director to grant an extension to complete
148 an application; providing for the stay of the award of
149 a resort license during an extension or an appeal to
150 the commission of a finding by the executive director
151 that an application is incomplete; creating s.
152 551.312, F.S.; exempting an institutional investor
153 that is a qualifier for a resort licensee from certain
154 application requirements under certain circumstances;
155 requiring notice to the commission of any changes that
156 may require a person to comply with the full
157 application requirements; creating s. 551.313, F.S.;
158 exempting lending institutions and underwriters from
159 licensing requirements as a qualifier under certain
160 circumstances; creating s. 551.314, F.S.; specifying
161 conditions for a resort licensee to maintain
162 licensure; authorizing the department to adopt rules
163 relating to approval of the licensee's computer
164 system; creating s. 551.315, F.S.; requiring that the
165 licensee post a bond; authorizing the department to
166 adopt rules relating to such bonds; creating s.
167 551.316, F.S.; specifying conditions for the conduct
168 of limited gaming by a resort licensee; providing

169 | hours and days of operation and the setting of minimum
 170 | and maximum wagers; requiring the department to renew
 171 | the license of a resort licensee if the licensee
 172 | satisfies specified conditions; creating s. 551.318,
 173 | F.S.; specifying an annual fee for the renewal of a
 174 | resort license; imposing gross receipts tax; providing
 175 | for the deposit of funds; providing for the proceeds
 176 | of the gross receipts tax to fund the operations of
 177 | the department; providing for annual distribution of
 178 | certain unappropriated funds in the department's
 179 | Destination Resort Trust Fund; creating s. 551.319,
 180 | F.S.; providing procedures for the submission and
 181 | processing of fingerprints; providing that the cost of
 182 | processing the fingerprints shall be borne by a
 183 | licensee or applicant; requiring a person to report to
 184 | the department certain pleas and convictions for
 185 | disqualifying offenses; creating s. 551.321, F.S.;
 186 | requiring a person to have a supplier license to
 187 | furnish certain goods and services to a resort
 188 | licensee; providing for application; providing for
 189 | license fees to be set by rule based on certain
 190 | criteria; requiring fingerprinting; specifying persons
 191 | who are ineligible for supplier licensure; specifying
 192 | circumstances under which the department may deny or
 193 | revoke a supplier license; authorizing the department
 194 | to adopt rules relating to the licensing of suppliers;
 195 | requiring a supplier licensee to furnish a list of
 196 | gaming devices and equipment to the department,

197 maintain records, file quarterly returns, and affix
198 its name to the gaming equipment and supplies that it
199 offers; requiring that the supplier licensee annually
200 report its inventory to the department; authorizing
201 the department to suspend, revoke, or restrict a
202 supplier license under certain circumstances;
203 providing that the equipment of a supplier licensee
204 which is used in unauthorized gaming will be forfeited
205 to the county where the equipment is found; providing
206 criminal penalties for a person who knowingly makes a
207 false statement on an application for a supplier
208 license; creating s. 551.322, F.S.; requiring a person
209 to have an occupational license to serve as a limited
210 gaming employee of a resort licensee; requiring a
211 person to apply to the department for an occupational
212 license and pay an application fee; specifying
213 information that an applicant must include in an
214 application for an occupational license, including
215 fingerprints; providing eligibility requirements;
216 specifying grounds for the department to deny,
217 suspend, revoke, or restrict an occupational license;
218 authorizing training to be conducted at certain
219 facilities; providing criminal penalties for a person
220 who knowingly makes a false statement on an
221 application for an occupational license; creating s.
222 551.323, F.S.; authorizing the executive director of
223 the department to issue a temporary occupational or
224 temporary supplier license under certain

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225 | circumstances; creating s. 551.325, F.S.; requiring
226 | the commission to file quarterly reports with the
227 | Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker
228 | of the House of Representatives; creating s. 551.327,
229 | F.S.; providing procedures for the resolution of
230 | certain disputes between a resort licensee and a
231 | patron; requiring a resort licensee to notify the
232 | department of certain disputes; requiring a resort
233 | licensee to notify a patron of the right to file a
234 | complaint with the department regarding certain
235 | disputes; authorizing the department to investigate
236 | disputes and to order a resort licensee to make a
237 | payment to a patron; providing that gaming-related
238 | disputes may be resolved only by the department and
239 | are not under the jurisdiction of state courts;
240 | creating s. 551.328, F.S.; providing for the
241 | enforcement of credit instruments; authorizing a
242 | resort licensee to accept an incomplete credit
243 | instrument and to complete incomplete credit
244 | instruments under certain circumstances; providing
245 | that existence of a mental disorder is not a defense
246 | or a valid counterclaim in an action to enforce a
247 | credit instrument; authorizing the department to adopt
248 | rules prescribing the conditions under which a credit
249 | instrument may be presented to a bank; creating s.
250 | 551.330, F.S.; requiring a resort licensee to train
251 | its employees about compulsive gambling; requiring a
252 | resort licensee to work with a compulsive gambling

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253 prevention program; requiring the commission to
254 contract for services relating to the prevention of
255 compulsive gambling; providing for the commission's
256 compulsive gambling prevention program to be funded
257 from a regulatory fee imposed on resort licensees;
258 creating s. 551.331, F.S.; authorizing a person to
259 request that the department exclude him or her from
260 limited gaming facilities; providing for a form and
261 contents of the form; providing that a self-excluded
262 person who is found on a gaming floor may be arrested
263 and prosecuted for criminal trespass; providing that a
264 self-excluded person holds harmless the department and
265 licensees from claims for losses and damages under
266 certain circumstances; requiring the person to submit
267 identification issued by the government; requiring the
268 department to photograph the person requesting self-
269 exclusion; amending s. 561.20, F.S.; exempting
270 destination resorts from certain limitations on the
271 number of licenses to sell alcoholic beverages which
272 may be issued; providing restrictions on a resort
273 issued such license; requiring an annual state license
274 tax to be paid by a resort for such license; providing
275 for deposit of proceeds from the tax; preempting to
276 the state the regulation of alcoholic beverages at
277 destination resorts; providing hours and days
278 alcoholic beverages may be sold at a resort; directing
279 the commission to adopt rules; providing recordkeeping
280 requirements; amending s. 849.15, F.S.; authorizing

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281 slot machine gaming in a resort licensee and the
282 transportation of slot machines pursuant to federal
283 law; exempting slot machine licensees from
284 prohibitions relating to coin-operated devices;
285 amending s. 849.231, F.S.; providing that a
286 prohibition on gambling devices does not apply to slot
287 machine licensees and resort licensees as authorized
288 under specified provisions; amending s. 849.25, F.S.;

289 providing that a prohibition on gaming does not apply
290 to slot machine licensees and resort licensees as
291 authorized under specified provisions; creating s.
292 849.48, F.S.; requiring that a person or entity
293 seeking to operate a gambling business, to allow
294 gambling on the person's or entity's premises, or to
295 lease, manufacture, or distribute gambling devices
296 apply for licensure from the Department of Gaming
297 Control; transferring and reassigning certain
298 functions and responsibilities, including records,
299 personnel, property, and unexpended balances of
300 appropriations and other resources, from the Division
301 of Pari-mutuel Wagering of the Department of Business
302 and Professional Regulation to the Department of
303 Gaming Control; transferring certain trust funds from
304 the Department of Business and Professional Regulation
305 to the Department of Gaming Control; amending s.
306 551.102, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
307 "eligible facility" as used in provisions relating to
308 slot machines; conforming provisions to changes made

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309 by the act; amending ss. 285.710, 550.002, 550.0251,
 310 550.09514, 550.135, 550.24055, 550.2415, 550.2625,
 311 550.2704, 550.902, 550.907, 551.101, 551.103, 551.104,
 312 551.106, 551.107, 551.108, 551.109, 551.111, 551.112,
 313 551.117, 551.119, 551.122, 551.123, 565.02, 817.37,
 314 849.086, and 849.094, F.S.; correcting cross-
 315 references and conforming provisions to changes made
 316 by the act; providing for severability; providing
 317 effective dates.

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

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321 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 20.165, Florida
 322 Statutes, is amended to read:

323 20.165 Department of Business and Professional
 324 Regulation.—There is created a Department of Business and
 325 Professional Regulation.

326 (2) The following divisions of the Department of Business
 327 and Professional Regulation are established:

- 328 (a) Division of Administration.
- 329 (b) Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco.
- 330 (c) Division of Certified Public Accounting.

331 1. The director of the division shall be appointed by the
 332 secretary of the department, subject to approval by a majority
 333 of the Board of Accountancy.

334 2. The offices of the division shall be located in
 335 Gainesville.

336 (d) Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and

337 Mobile Homes.

338 (e) Division of Hotels and Restaurants.

339 ~~(f) Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering.~~

340 (f) ~~(g)~~ Division of Professions.

341 (g) ~~(h)~~ Division of Real Estate.

342 1. The director of the division shall be appointed by the
 343 secretary of the department, subject to approval by a majority
 344 of the Florida Real Estate Commission.

345 2. The offices of the division shall be located in
 346 Orlando.

347 (h) ~~(i)~~ Division of Regulation.

348 (i) ~~(j)~~ Division of Technology.

349 (j) ~~(k)~~ Division of Service Operations.

350 Section 2. Section 20.318, Florida Statutes, is created to
 351 read:

352 20.318 Department of Gaming Control.—There is created a
 353 Department of Gaming Control.

354 (1) GAMING COMMISSION.—The State Gaming Commission is the
 355 head of the Department of Gaming Control. The commission shall
 356 be responsible for appointing and removing the executive
 357 director and general counsel of the department.

358 (2) DIVISIONS.—The Department of Gaming Control shall
 359 consist of the following divisions:

360 (a) The Division of Enforcement.

361 (b) The Division of Licensure.

362 (c) The Division of Revenue and Audits.

363 (3) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

364 (a) "Commission" means the State Gaming Commission.

365 (b) "Department" means the Department of Gaming Control.

366 (c) "Gaming control" means any gaming activity,
 367 occupation, or profession regulated by the department.

368 (d) "License" means any permit, registration, certificate,
 369 or license issued by the department.

370 (e) "Licensee" means any person issued a permit,
 371 registration, certificate, or license by the department.

372 (4) POWERS AND DUTIES.—

373 (a) The department shall adopt rules establishing a
 374 procedure for the renewal of licenses.

375 (b) The department shall submit an annual budget to the
 376 Legislature at a time and in the manner provided by law.

377 (c) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to ss.
 378 120.536(1) and 120.54 to administer the provisions of law
 379 conferring duties upon it.

380 (d) The department shall require an oath on application
 381 documents as required by rule, which oath must state that the
 382 information contained in the document is true and complete.

383 (e) The department shall adopt rules for the control,
 384 supervision, and direction of all applicants, permittees, and
 385 licensees and for the holding, conducting, and operating of any
 386 gaming establishment under the jurisdiction of the department in
 387 this state. The department shall have the authority to suspend a
 388 permit or license under the jurisdiction of the department if
 389 such permitholder or licensee has violated any provision of
 390 chapter 550, chapter 551, or chapter 849 or rules adopted by the
 391 department. Such rules must be uniform in their application and
 392 effect, and the duty of exercising this control and power is

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393 made mandatory upon the department.

394 (f) The department may take testimony concerning any
395 matter within its jurisdiction and issue summons and subpoenas
396 for any witness and subpoenas duces tecum in connection with any
397 matter within the jurisdiction of the department under its seal
398 and signed by the executive director.

399 (g) In addition to the power to exclude certain persons
400 from any pari-mutuel facility in this state, the department may
401 exclude any person from any and all gaming establishments under
402 the jurisdiction of the department in this state. The department
403 may exclude from any gaming establishment under its jurisdiction
404 within this state any person who has been ejected from a pari-
405 mutuel facility or other gaming establishment in this state or
406 who has been excluded from any pari-mutuel facility or other
407 gaming establishment in another state by the governmental
408 department, agency, commission, or authority exercising
409 regulatory jurisdiction over such facilities in such other
410 state. The department may authorize any person who has been
411 ejected or excluded from establishments in this state or another
412 state to enter such facilities in this state upon a finding that
413 the attendance of such person would not be adverse to the public
414 interest or to the integrity of the industry; however, this
415 paragraph may not be construed to abrogate the common-law right
416 of a pari-mutuel permitholder or a proprietor of a gaming
417 establishment to exclude absolutely a patron in this state.

418 (h) The department may collect taxes and require
419 compliance with reporting requirements for financial information
420 as authorized by chapter 550, chapter 551, s. 849.086, or s.

421 849.094. In addition, the executive director of the department
 422 may require gaming establishments within its jurisdiction within
 423 the state to remit taxes, including fees, by electronic funds
 424 transfer.

425 (i) The department may conduct investigations necessary
 426 for enforcing chapters 550 and 551 and ss. 849.086 and 849.094.

427 (j) The department may impose an administrative fine for a
 428 violation under chapter 550, chapter 551, s. 849.086, or s.
 429 849.094 of not more than \$10,000 for each count or separate
 430 offense, except as otherwise provided in chapter 550, chapter
 431 551, s. 849.086, or s. 849.094, and may suspend or revoke a
 432 permit, an operating license, or an occupational license for a
 433 violation under chapter 550, chapter 551, s. 849.086, or s.
 434 849.094. All fines imposed and collected under this paragraph
 435 must be deposited with the Chief Financial Officer to the credit
 436 of the General Revenue Fund.

437 (k) The department shall have sole authority and power to
 438 make, adopt, amend, or repeal rules relating to gaming
 439 operations, to enforce and to carry out the provisions of
 440 chapters 550 and 551 and ss. 849.086 and 849.094, and to
 441 regulate authorized gaming activities in the state.

442 (l) The department may contract with the Department of Law
 443 Enforcement, through an interagency agreement, to enforce any
 444 criminal law or to conduct any criminal investigation.

445 (m) The department shall contract with the Department of
 446 Revenue, through an interagency agreement, to perform the tax
 447 collection and financial audit services for the taxes required
 448 to be collected by entities licensed or regulated by chapter

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449 550, chapter 551, or chapter 849. The interagency agreement
450 shall also allow the Department of Revenue to assist in any
451 financial investigations of licensees or applications for
452 licenses by the Department of Gaming Control or law enforcement
453 agencies.

454 (5) FINANCIALLY DEPENDENT CHILDREN; SUPPORT.—The
455 department shall work cooperatively with the Department of
456 Revenue to implement an automated method for periodically
457 disclosing information relating to current licensees to the
458 Department of Revenue. The purpose of this subsection is to
459 promote the public policy of this state as established in s.
460 409.2551. The department shall, when directed by the court or
461 the Department of Revenue pursuant to s. 409.2598, suspend or
462 deny the license of any licensee found not to be in compliance
463 with a support order, subpoena, order to show cause, or written
464 agreement entered into by the licensee with the Department of
465 Revenue. The department shall issue or reinstate the license
466 without additional charge to the licensee when notified by the
467 court or the Department of Revenue that the licensee has
468 complied with the terms of the support order. The department is
469 not liable for any license denial or suspension resulting from
470 the discharge of its duties under this subsection.

471 (6) LICENSING.—The department may:

472 (a) Close and terminate deficient license application
473 files 2 years after the department notifies the applicant of the
474 deficiency.

475 (b) Approve gaming-related license applications that meet
476 all statutory and rule requirements for licensure.

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477 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 120.80, Florida
478 Statutes, is amended, and subsections (19) and (20) are added to
479 that section, to read:

480 120.80 Exceptions and special requirements; agencies.—

481 (4) DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION.—

482 ~~(a) Business regulation. The Division of Pari-mutuel~~
483 ~~Wagering is exempt from the hearing and notice requirements of~~
484 ~~ss. 120.569 and 120.57(1)(a), but only for stewards, judges, and~~
485 ~~boards of judges when the hearing is to be held for the purpose~~
486 ~~of the imposition of fines or suspensions as provided by rules~~
487 ~~of the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering, but not for~~
488 ~~revocations, and only upon violations of subparagraphs 1.-6. The~~
489 ~~Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering shall adopt rules establishing~~
490 ~~alternative procedures, including a hearing upon reasonable~~
491 ~~notice, for the following violations:~~

492 1. ~~Horse riding, harness riding, greyhound interference,~~
493 ~~and jai alai game actions in violation of chapter 550.~~

494 2. ~~Application and usage of drugs and medication to~~
495 ~~horses, greyhounds, and jai alai players in violation of chapter~~
496 ~~550.~~

497 3. ~~Maintaining or possessing any device which could be~~
498 ~~used for the injection or other infusion of a prohibited drug to~~
499 ~~horses, greyhounds, and jai alai players in violation of chapter~~
500 ~~550.~~

501 4. ~~Suspensions under reciprocity agreements between the~~
502 ~~Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering and regulatory agencies of~~
503 ~~other states.~~

504 5. ~~Assault or other crimes of violence on premises~~

505 ~~licensed for pari-mutuel wagering.~~

506 ~~6. Prearranging the outcome of any race or game.~~

507 ~~(b) Professional regulation.~~ Notwithstanding s.

508 120.57(1)(a), formal hearings may not be conducted by the
 509 Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation or a board or
 510 member of a board within the Department of Business and
 511 Professional Regulation for matters relating to the regulation
 512 of professions, as defined by chapter 455.

513 (19) DEPARTMENT OF GAMING CONTROL; PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING.-

514 (a) The department is exempt from the hearing and notice
 515 requirements of ss. 120.569 and 120.57(1)(a) as applied to
 516 stewards, judges, and boards of judges if the hearing is to be
 517 held for the purpose of the imposition of fines or suspension as
 518 provided by rules of the department, but not for revocations,
 519 and only to consider violations of subparagraphs (b)1.-6.

520 (b) The department shall adopt rules establishing
 521 alternative procedures, including a hearing upon reasonable
 522 notice, for the following:

523 1. Horse riding, harness riding, greyhound interference,
 524 and jai alai game actions in violation of chapter 550.

525 2. Application and administration of drugs and medication
 526 to horses, greyhounds, and jai alai players in violation of
 527 chapter 550.

528 3. Maintaining or possessing any device that could be used
 529 for the injection or other infusion of a prohibited drug into a
 530 horse, greyhound, or jai alai players in violation of chapter
 531 550.

532 4. Suspensions under reciprocity agreements between the

533 department and regulatory agencies of other states.

534 5. Assault or other crimes of violence on premises
 535 licensed for pari-mutuel wagering.

536 6. Prearranging the outcome of any race or game.

537 (20) STATE GAMING COMMISSION.—

538 (a) The State Gaming Commission is exempt from the hearing
 539 and notice requirements of ss. 120.569 and 120.57(1)(a) in
 540 proceedings for the issuance or denial of a destination resort
 541 license.

542 (b) Section 120.60 does not apply to applications for a
 543 destination resort license.

544 (c) Notwithstanding s. 120.542, the State Gaming
 545 Commission may not accept a petition for waiver or variance and
 546 may not grant any waiver or variance from the requirements of
 547 part III of chapter 551.

548 Section 4. Chapter 551, Florida Statutes, consisting of
 549 sections 551.101 through 551.123, is designated as part II of
 550 that chapter and entitled "Slot Machines"; part I of that
 551 chapter, consisting of sections 551.002 through 551.012, as
 552 created by this act, is entitled "State Gaming Commission"; and
 553 part III of that chapter, consisting of sections 551.301 through
 554 551.331, as created by this act, is entitled "Destination
 555 Resorts."

556 Section 5. Section 551.002, Florida Statutes, is created
 557 to read:

558 551.002 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

559 (1) "Affiliate" means a person or applicant who, directly
 560 or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries:

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561 (a) Controls, is controlled by, or is under common control
562 of;

563 (b) Is in a partnership or joint venture relationship
564 with; or

565 (c) Is a shareholder of a corporation, a member of a
566 limited liability company, or a partner in a limited liability
567 partnership with,

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569 an applicant for a resort license or a resort licensee.

570 (2) "Chair" means the chair of the State Gaming
571 Commission.

572 (3) "Commission" means the State Gaming Commission.

573 (4) "Conflict of interest" means a situation in which the
574 private interest of a member, employee, or agent of the
575 commission may influence his or her judgment in the performance
576 of his or her public duty under this chapter. A conflict of
577 interest includes, but is not limited to:

578 (a) Any conduct that would lead a reasonable person having
579 knowledge of all of the circumstances to conclude that the
580 member, employee, or agent of the commission is biased against
581 or in favor of an applicant.

582 (b) The acceptance of any form of compensation from a
583 source other than the commission for any services rendered as
584 part of the official duties of the member, employee, or agent of
585 the commission.

586 (c) Participation in any business transaction with or
587 before the commission in which the member, employee, or agent of
588 the commission, or the parent, spouse, or child of a member,

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589 employee, or the agent, has a financial interest.

590 (5) "Department" means the Department of Gaming Control.

591 (6) "Division" means the Division of Licensure of the
592 department.

593 (7) "Executive director" means the executive director of
594 the department.

595 (8) "Financial interest" or "financially interested" means
596 any interest in investments or awarding of contracts, grants,
597 loans, purchases, leases, sales, or similar matters under
598 consideration or consummated by the commission or the
599 department, or ownership in an applicant or a licensee. A
600 member, employee, or agent of the commission is deemed to have a
601 financial interest in a matter if:

602 (a) The individual owns any interest in any class of
603 outstanding securities that are issued by a party to the matter
604 under consideration by the commission or the department, except
605 indirect interests such as a mutual fund or stock portfolios; or

606 (b) The individual is employed by or is an independent
607 contractor for a party to a matter under consideration by the
608 commission or the department.

609 Section 6. Section 551.003, Florida Statutes, is created
610 to read:

611 551.003 State Gaming Commission; creation and membership.—

612 (1) CREATION.—There is created the State Gaming
613 Commission. The commission shall be composed of seven members
614 who are residents of the state and who have experience in
615 corporate finance, tourism, convention and resort management,
616 gaming, investigation or law enforcement, business law, or

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617 related legal experience. The members of the commission shall
618 serve as the agency head of the commission. The commission is
619 exempt from the provisions of s. 20.052.

620 (2) MEMBERS.—Each member shall be appointed to a 4-year
621 term. However, for the purpose of providing staggered terms, of
622 the initial appointments, three members shall be appointed to 2-
623 year terms and four members shall be appointed to 4-year terms.
624 Terms expire on June 30. Upon the expiration of the term of a
625 commissioner, a successor shall be appointed in the same manner
626 as the original appointment to serve for a 4-year term. A
627 commissioner whose term has expired shall continue to serve on
628 the commission until such time as a replacement is appointed. If
629 a vacancy on the commission occurs before the expiration of the
630 term, it shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term
631 in the same manner as the original appointment.

632 (a)1.a. One member of the commission must be a certified
633 public accountant licensed in this state who possesses at least
634 5 years of experience in general accounting. The member must
635 also possess a comprehensive knowledge of the principles and
636 practices of corporate finance or auditing, general finance,
637 gaming, or economics.

638 b. One member of the commission must have experience in
639 the fields of investigation or law enforcement.

640 2. When making appointments to the commission, the
641 Governor shall announce the classification by experience of the
642 person appointed.

643 (b) A person may not be appointed to or serve as a member
644 of the commission if the person:

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- 645 1. Is an elected state official;
- 646 2. Is licensed by the commission or is an officer of, has
 647 a financial interest in, or has a direct or indirect contractual
 648 relationship with any applicant for a resort license or resort
 649 licensee;
- 650 3. Is related to any person within the second degree of
 651 consanguinity of affinity who is an applicant for a license or
 652 awarded a license by the commission or regulated by the
 653 department; or
- 654 4. Has, within the 10 years preceding his or her
 655 appointment, been under indictment for, convicted of, pled
 656 guilty or nolo contendere to, or forfeited bail for a felony or
 657 a misdemeanor involving gambling or fraud under the laws of this
 658 or any other state or the United States.
- 659 (c) Members of the commission shall serve full time and
 660 receive an annual salary of \$125,000. The chair shall receive an
 661 annual salary of \$135,000.
- 662 (3) CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.—
- 663 (a) The chair shall be appointed by the Governor. The vice
 664 chair of the commission shall be elected by the members of the
 665 commission during the first meeting of the commission on or
 666 after July 1 of each year. The chair shall be the administrative
 667 head of the commission. The chair shall set the agenda for each
 668 meeting. The chair shall approve all notices, vouchers,
 669 subpoenas, and reports as required by law. The chair shall
 670 preserve order and decorum and shall have general control of the
 671 commission meetings. The chair shall decide all questions of
 672 order. The chair may name any member of the commission to

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673 perform the duties of the chair for a meeting if such
674 substitution does not extend beyond that meeting.

675 (b) If for any reason the chair is absent and fails to
676 name a member, the vice chair shall assume the duties of the
677 chair during the chair's absence. On the death, incapacitation,
678 or resignation of the chair, the vice chair shall perform the
679 duties of the office until the Governor appoints a successor.

680 (c) The administrative responsibilities of the chair are
681 to plan, organize, and control administrative support services
682 for the commission. Administrative functions include, but are
683 not limited to, finance and accounting, revenue accounting,
684 personnel, and office services.

685 (4) QUORUM.—Four members of the commission constitute a
686 quorum.

687 (5) HEADQUARTERS.—The headquarters of the commission shall
688 be located in the district as defined in s. 551.302.

689 (6) MEETINGS.—The commission shall meet at least monthly.
690 Meetings may be called by the chair or by four members of the
691 commission upon 72 hours' public notice. The initial meeting of
692 the commission shall be held within 30 days after the effective
693 date of this section.

694 (7) AGENCY HEAD.—The commission shall serve as the agency
695 head of the department for purposes of chapter 120. The
696 executive director of the commission may serve as the agency
697 head for purposes of final agency action under chapter 120 for
698 all areas within the regulatory authority delegated to the
699 executive director's office.

700 Section 7. Effective upon this act becoming a law, section

701 551.004, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

702 551.004 State Gaming Commission Nominating Committee.—

703 (1) (a) There is created a State Gaming Commission
 704 Nominating Committee consisting of six members. Three members of
 705 the committee shall be members of the House of Representatives,
 706 one of whom shall be a member of the minority party, who shall
 707 be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the
 708 House of Representatives. Three members of the committee shall
 709 be members of the Senate, one of whom shall be a member of the
 710 minority party, who shall be appointed by and serve at the
 711 pleasure of the President of the Senate. Initial appointments
 712 under this section shall be made within 10 days after the
 713 effective date of this section.

714 (b) The members shall serve 2-year terms concurrent with
 715 the 2-year elected terms of House of Representatives members,
 716 except that the initial members shall serve until the end of
 717 their elected terms. Members may be appointed to two 2-year
 718 terms. Vacancies on the committee shall be filled for the
 719 unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as original
 720 appointments to the committee.

721 (c) The President of the Senate shall appoint the chair of
 722 the committee in even-numbered years and the vice chair in odd-
 723 numbered years, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
 724 shall appoint the chair of the committee in odd-numbered years
 725 and the vice chair in even-numbered years, from among the
 726 council membership.

727 (2) A member of the committee shall serve at the pleasure
 728 of the presiding officer who appointed the member and may not

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729 create the appearance of impropriety.

730 (3) A majority of the membership of the committee may
731 conduct any business before the committee. All meetings and
732 proceedings of the committee shall be staffed by the Office of
733 Legislative Services and shall be subject to ss. 119.07 and
734 286.011. Members of the committee are entitled to receive per
735 diem and travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061. Applicants
736 invited for interviews before the committee may, at the
737 discretion of the committee, receive per diem and travel
738 expenses as provided in s. 112.061. The committee shall
739 establish policies and procedures to govern the process by which
740 applicants for appointment to the commission are nominated.

741 (4) (a) The committee may spend a nominal amount, not to
742 exceed \$10,000, to advertise a vacancy on the commission.

743 (b) For initial selection of an executive director for the
744 Department of Gaming Control, the committee may advertise and
745 receive applications for employment as the executive director.
746 The committee shall provide the commission with all applications
747 received.

748 (5) A person may not be nominated to the Governor for
749 appointment to the commission until the committee has determined
750 that the person is competent and knowledgeable in one or more
751 fields as specified in s. 551.003 and the requirements for
752 appointees under s. 551.003 are met.

753 (6) It is the responsibility of the committee to nominate
754 to the Governor no fewer than three persons for each vacancy
755 occurring on the commission. The committee shall submit
756 recommendations for the initial appointments to the commission

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757 to the Governor within 60 days after the effective date of this
758 section. Thereafter, the committee shall submit the
759 recommendations to the Governor by March 15 of those years in
760 which the terms are to begin the following July, or within 60
761 days after a vacancy occurs for any reason other than the
762 expiration of the term.

763 (7) The Governor shall, pursuant to this section and s.
764 551.003, make initial appointments to the commission within 60
765 days after receiving the recommended nominees under this section
766 and fill any vacancy occurring on the commission by appointment
767 of one of the applicants nominated by the committee. An
768 appointment may be made only after a background investigation of
769 such applicant has been conducted by the Department of Law
770 Enforcement.

771 (8) Members of the commission shall be appointed by the
772 Governor and, notwithstanding s. 114.05(1)(e) and (f), shall be
773 subject to confirmation by the Senate under the following
774 conditions. The Senate may consider the appointment during the
775 regular session immediately following the effective date of the
776 appointment or during any subsequent regular or special session
777 during the term of the member. The Senate may confirm or refuse
778 to confirm the appointment during any regular or special
779 session.

780 (9) When the Governor makes an appointment to fill a
781 vacancy occurring due to expiration of the term, and that
782 appointment has not been confirmed by the Senate before the
783 appointing Governor's term ends, a successor Governor may,
784 within 30 days after taking office, recall the appointment and,

785 prior to the first day of the next regular session, make a
 786 replacement appointment from the list provided to the previous
 787 Governor by the committee. Such an appointment is subject to
 788 confirmation by the Senate pursuant to subsection (8).

789 Section 8. Section 551.006, Florida Statutes, is created
 790 to read:

791 551.006 Executive director.—The commission shall, pursuant
 792 to s. 20.05, appoint or remove the executive director of the
 793 department by a majority vote. An interim executive director
 794 shall be appointed within 10 days after the initial meeting of
 795 the commission.

796 (1) The executive director:

797 (a) Shall devote full time to the duties of the office;

798 (b) May not hold any other office or employment;

799 (c) Shall perform all duties assigned by the commission;

800 and

801 (d) May hire assistants, consultants, and employees as
 802 necessary to conduct the business of the commission.

803 (2) (a) The executive director may not employ a person who,
 804 during the 3 years immediately preceding employment, held a
 805 direct or indirect interest in, or was employed by:

806 1. A resort licensee or supplier licensee;

807 2. An applicant for a resort license or an applicant for a
 808 similar license in another jurisdiction;

809 3. An entity licensed to operate a gaming facility in
 810 another state;

811 4. A pari-mutuel gaming facility licensed to operate in
 812 this state; or

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813 5. A tribal gaming facility within this state.

814 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a person may be
815 employed by the commission if the commission finds that the
816 person's former interest in any licensee will not interfere with
817 the objective discharge of the person's employment obligations.

818 However, a person may not be employed by the commission if:

819 1. The person's interest in an applicant, licensee, or
820 tribal facility constituted a controlling interest; or

821 2. The person or the person's spouse, parent, child,
822 child's spouse, or sibling is a member of the commission, or a
823 director of, or a person financially interested in, an applicant
824 or a licensee.

825 Section 9. Section 551.007, Florida Statutes, is created
826 to read:

827 551.007 Law enforcement.—

828 (1) The department may employ sworn law enforcement
829 officers meeting the qualifications and certification
830 requirements under paragraph (a), and hire and train personnel
831 to be employed as sworn law enforcement officers, to enforce any
832 criminal law, conduct any criminal investigation, or enforce any
833 statute within the jurisdiction of the department.

834 (a) Each law enforcement officer must meet the
835 qualifications for law enforcement officers under s. 943.13 and
836 must be certified as a law enforcement officer by the Department
837 of Law Enforcement. Upon certification, each law enforcement
838 officer is subject to and has the authority provided to law
839 enforcement officers generally under chapter 901 and has
840 statewide jurisdiction.

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841 (b) Each law enforcement officer has arrest authority as
842 provided for state law enforcement officers under s. 901.15, and
843 full law enforcement powers granted to other officers of this
844 state, including the authority to make arrests, carry firearms,
845 serve court process, and seize contraband and proceeds from
846 illegal activities.

847 (c) Each law enforcement officer of the commission, upon
848 certification under s. 943.1395, has the same right and
849 authority to carry arms as do the sheriffs of this state.

850 (2) The department may also, by interagency agreement,
851 employ the Department of Law Enforcement to enforce any criminal
852 law, conduct any criminal investigation, or enforce any statute
853 within the jurisdiction of the commission or the department.

854 Section 10. Section 551.008, Florida Statutes, is created
855 to read:

856 551.008 Code of ethics.—

857 (1) The commission shall adopt a code of ethics by rule
858 for its members, employees, and agents.

859 (2) A member of the commission or the executive director
860 may not hold a direct or indirect interest in, be employed by,
861 or enter into a contract for services with an applicant or
862 person licensed by the commission for a period of 3 years after
863 the date of termination of the person's membership on or
864 employment with the commission.

865 (3) An employee of the commission may not acquire a direct
866 or indirect interest in, be employed by, or enter into a
867 contract for services with an applicant or person licensed by
868 the commission for a period of 3 years after the date of

869 termination of the person's employment with the commission.

870 (4) A commission member or a person employed by the
 871 commission may not represent a person or party other than the
 872 state before or against the commission for a period of 3 years
 873 after the date of termination of the member's term of office or
 874 the employee's period of employment with the commission.

875 (5) A business entity in which a former commission member,
 876 employee, or agent has an interest, or any partner, officer, or
 877 employee of that business entity, may not appear before or
 878 represent another person before the commission if the former
 879 commission member, employee, or agent would be prohibited from
 880 doing so. As used in this subsection, the term "business entity"
 881 means a corporation, limited liability company, partnership,
 882 limited liability partnership association, trust, or other form
 883 of legal entity.

884 (6) A member, employee, or agent of the commission may
 885 not, during the duration of the person's appointment or
 886 employment:

887 (a) Use the person's official authority or influence for
 888 the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an
 889 election;

890 (b) Run for nomination or as a candidate for election to
 891 any partisan or nonpartisan political office; or

892 (c) Knowingly solicit or discourage the participation in
 893 any political activity of any person who is:

894 1. Applying for any compensation, grant, contract, ruling,
 895 license, permit, or certificate pending before the commission;
 896 or

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897 2. The subject of or a participant in an ongoing audit,
898 investigation, or enforcement action being carried out by the
899 commission.

900 (7) A former member, employee, or agent of the commission
901 may appear before the commission as a witness testifying as to
902 factual matters or actions handled by the former member,
903 employee, or agent during his or her tenure with the commission.
904 However, the former member, employee, or agent of the commission
905 may not receive compensation for the appearance other than a
906 standard witness fee and reimbursement for travel expenses as
907 established by statute or rules governing administrative
908 proceedings before the Division of Administrative Hearings.

909 (8) (a) The executive director must approve outside
910 employment for an employee or agent of the commission.

911 (b) An employee or agent of the commission granted
912 permission for outside employment may not conduct any business
913 or perform any activities, including solicitation, related to
914 outside employment on premises used by the commission or during
915 the employee's working hours for the commission.

916 (c) As used in this subsection, the term "outside
917 employment" includes, but is not limited to:

918 1. Operating a proprietorship;

919 2. Participating in a partnership or group business
920 enterprise; or

921 3. Performing as a director or corporate officer of any
922 for-profit corporation or banking or credit institution.

923 (9) A member, employee, or agent of the commission may not
924 participate in or wager on any game conducted by any resort

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925 licensee or applicant or any affiliate of a licensee or
 926 applicant regulated by the commission in this state or in any
 927 other jurisdiction, except as required as part of the person's
 928 surveillance, security, or other official duties.

929 Section 11. Section 551.009, Florida Statutes, is created
 930 to read:

931 551.009 Disclosures by commissioners, employees, and
 932 agents.—

933 (1) COMMISSIONERS.—

934 (a) Each member of the commission must file a financial
 935 disclosure statement pursuant to s. 112.3145.

936 (b) Each member must disclose information required by
 937 rules of the commission to ensure the integrity of the
 938 commission and its work.

939 (c) By January 1 of each year, each member must file a
 940 statement with the commission:

941 1. Affirming that neither the member, nor the member's
 942 spouse, parent, child, or child's spouse, is a member of the
 943 board of directors of, financially interested in, or employed by
 944 an applicant or resort licensee.

945 2. Affirming that the member is in compliance with part
 946 III and the rules of the commission.

947 3. Disclosing any legal or beneficial interest in real
 948 property that is or may be directly or indirectly involved with
 949 activities or persons regulated by the commission.

950 (d) Each member must disclose involvement with any gaming
 951 interest in the 3 years preceding appointment as a member.

952 (2) EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS.—

953 (a) The executive director and each managerial employee
 954 and agent, as determined by the commission, must file a
 955 financial disclosure statement pursuant to s. 112.3145. All
 956 employees and agents must comply with the provisions of chapter
 957 112.

958 (b) The executive director and each managerial employee
 959 and agent identified by rule of the commission must disclose
 960 information required by rules of the commission to ensure the
 961 integrity of the commission and its work.

962 (c) By January 31 of each year, each employee and agent of
 963 the commission must file a statement with the commission:

964 1. Affirming that neither the employee, nor the employee's
 965 spouse, parent, child, or child's spouse, is financially
 966 interested in or employed by an applicant or licensee.

967 2. Affirming that the person does not have any financial
 968 interest prohibited by laws or rules administered by the
 969 commission.

970 3. Disclosing any legal or beneficial interest in real
 971 property that is or may be directly or indirectly involved with
 972 activities or persons regulated by the commission.

973 (d) Each employee or agent of the commission must disclose
 974 involvement with any gaming interest during the 3 years before
 975 employment.

976 (3) CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING IMMEDIATE DISCLOSURE.—

977 (a) A member, employee, or agent of the commission who
 978 becomes aware that the member, employee, or agent of the
 979 commission or his or her spouse, parent, or child is a member of
 980 the board of directors of, financially interested in, or

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981 employed by an applicant or licensee must immediately provide
982 detailed written notice to the chair.

983 (b) A member, employee, or agent of the commission must
984 immediately provide detailed written notice of the circumstances
985 to the chair if the member, employee, or agent is indicted,
986 charged with, convicted of, pleads guilty or nolo contendere to,
987 or forfeits bail for:

988 1. A misdemeanor involving gambling, dishonesty, theft, or
989 fraud;

990 2. A violation of any law in any state, or a law of the
991 United States or any other jurisdiction, involving gambling,
992 dishonesty, theft, or fraud which substantially corresponds to a
993 misdemeanor in this state; or

994 3. A felony under the laws of this or any other state, the
995 United States, or any other jurisdiction.

996 (c) A member, employee, or agent of the commission who is
997 negotiating for an interest in a licensee or an applicant, or is
998 affiliated with such a person, must immediately provide written
999 notice of the details of the interest to the chair. The member,
1000 employee, or agent of the commission may not act on behalf of
1001 the commission with respect to that person.

1002 (d) A member, employee, or agent of the commission may not
1003 enter into negotiations for employment with any person or
1004 affiliate of any person who is an applicant, licensee, or
1005 affiliate. If a member, employee, or agent of the commission
1006 enters into negotiations for employment in violation of this
1007 paragraph or receives an invitation, written or oral, to
1008 initiate a discussion concerning employment with any person who

1009 is a licensee, applicant, or affiliate, he or she must
 1010 immediately provide written notice of the details of any such
 1011 negotiations or discussions to the chair. The member, employee,
 1012 or agent of the commission may not take any action on behalf of
 1013 the commission with respect to that licensee or applicant.

1014 (e) A licensee or applicant may not knowingly initiate a
 1015 negotiation for, or discussion of, employment with a member,
 1016 employee, or agent of the commission. A licensee or applicant
 1017 who initiates a negotiation or discussion about employment shall
 1018 immediately provide written notice of the details of the
 1019 negotiation or discussion to the chair as soon as that person
 1020 becomes aware that the negotiation or discussion has been
 1021 initiated with a member, employee, or agent of the commission.

1022 (f) A member, employee, or agent of the commission, or a
 1023 parent, spouse, sibling, or child of a member, employee, or
 1024 agent of the commission, may not accept any gift, gratuity,
 1025 compensation, travel, lodging, or anything of value, directly or
 1026 indirectly, from a licensee, applicant, or affiliate or
 1027 representative of a person regulated by the commission. A
 1028 member, employee, or agent of the commission who is offered or
 1029 receives any gift, gratuity, compensation, travel, lodging, or
 1030 anything of value, directly or indirectly, from any licensee,
 1031 applicant, or affiliate or representative of a person regulated
 1032 by the commission must immediately provide written notice of the
 1033 details to the chair.

1034 (g) A licensee, applicant, or affiliate or representative
 1035 of an applicant or licensee may not, directly or indirectly,
 1036 knowingly give or offer to give any gift, gratuity,

1037 compensation, travel, lodging, or anything of value to any
 1038 member or employee, or to a parent, spouse, sibling, or child of
 1039 a member, employee, or agent, which the member or employee is
 1040 prohibited from accepting under paragraph (f).

1041 (h) A member, employee, or agent of the commission may not
 1042 engage in any conduct that constitutes a conflict of interest
 1043 and must immediately advise the chair in writing of the details
 1044 of any incident or circumstance that would suggest the existence
 1045 of a conflict of interest with respect to the performance of
 1046 commission-related work or duty of the member, employee, or
 1047 agent of the commission.

1048 (i) A member, employee, or agent of the commission who is
 1049 approached and offered a bribe must immediately provide a
 1050 written account of the details of the incident to the chair and
 1051 to a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the matter.

1052 Section 12. Section 551.011, Florida Statutes, is created
 1053 to read:

1054 551.011 Ex parte communications.—

1055 (1) A licensee, applicant, or affiliate or representative
 1056 of an applicant or licensee may not engage directly or
 1057 indirectly in ex parte communications concerning a pending
 1058 application, license, or enforcement action with a member of the
 1059 commission or concerning a matter that likely will be pending
 1060 before the commission. A member of the commission may not engage
 1061 directly or indirectly in any ex parte communications concerning
 1062 a pending application, license, or enforcement action with
 1063 members of the commission, or with a licensee, applicant, or
 1064 affiliate or representative of an applicant or licensee, or

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1065 concerning a matter that likely will be pending before the
1066 commission.

1067 (2) Any commission member, licensee, applicant, or
1068 affiliate or representative of a commission member, licensee, or
1069 applicant who receives any ex parte communication in violation
1070 of subsection (1), or who is aware of an attempted communication
1071 in violation of subsection (1), must immediately report details
1072 of the communication or attempted communication in writing to
1073 the chair.

1074 (3) If a commissioner knowingly receives an ex parte
1075 communication relative to a proceeding to which he or she is
1076 assigned, he or she must place on the record copies of all
1077 written communications received, copies of all written responses
1078 to the communications, and a memorandum stating the substance of
1079 all oral communications received and all oral responses made,
1080 and shall give written notice to all parties to the
1081 communication that such matters have been placed on the record.
1082 Any party who desires to respond to an ex parte communication
1083 may do so. The response must be received by the commission
1084 within 10 days after receiving notice that the ex parte
1085 communication has been placed on the record. The commissioner
1086 may, if he or she deems it necessary to eliminate the effect of
1087 an ex parte communication received by him or her, withdraw from
1088 the proceeding potentially impacted by the ex parte
1089 communication. After a commissioner withdraws from the
1090 proceeding, the chair shall substitute another commissioner for
1091 the proceeding if the proceeding was not assigned to the full
1092 commission.

1093 (4) Any individual who makes an ex parte communication
 1094 must submit to the commission a written statement describing the
 1095 nature of the communication, including the name of the person
 1096 making the communication, the name of the commissioner or
 1097 commissioners receiving the communication, copies of all written
 1098 communications made, all written responses to such
 1099 communications, and a memorandum stating the substance of all
 1100 oral communications received and all oral responses made. The
 1101 commission shall place on the record of a proceeding all such
 1102 communications.

1103 (5) A member of the commission who knowingly fails to
 1104 place on the record any ex parte communications, in violation of
 1105 this section, within 15 days after the date of the communication
 1106 is subject to removal and may be assessed a civil penalty not to
 1107 exceed \$25,000.

1108 (6) The Commission on Ethics shall receive and investigate
 1109 sworn complaints of violations of this section pursuant to ss.
 1110 112.322-112.3241.

1111 (7) If the Commission on Ethics finds that a member of the
 1112 commission has violated this section, it shall provide the
 1113 Governor with a report of its findings and recommendations. The
 1114 Governor may enforce the findings and recommendations of the
 1115 Commission on Ethics pursuant to part III of chapter 112.

1116 (8) If a commissioner fails or refuses to pay the
 1117 Commission on Ethics any civil penalties assessed pursuant to
 1118 this section, the Commission on Ethics may bring an action in
 1119 any circuit court to enforce such penalty.

1120 (9) If, during the course of an investigation by the

1121 Commission on Ethics into an alleged violation of this section,
 1122 allegations are made as to the identity of the person who
 1123 participated in the ex parte communication, that person must be
 1124 given notice and an opportunity to participate in the
 1125 investigation and relevant proceedings to present a defense. If
 1126 the Commission on Ethics determines that the person participated
 1127 in the ex parte communication, the person may not appear before
 1128 the commission or otherwise represent anyone before the
 1129 commission for 2 years.

1130 Section 13. Section 551.012, Florida Statutes, is created
 1131 to read:

1132 551.012 Penalties for misconduct by a commissioner,
 1133 employee, or agent.—

1134 (1) A violation of this chapter by a member of the
 1135 commission may result in disqualification or constitute cause
 1136 for removal by the Governor or other disciplinary action as
 1137 determined by the commission.

1138 (2) A violation of this chapter by an employee or agent of
 1139 the commission does not require termination of employment or
 1140 other disciplinary action if:

1141 (a) The commission determines that the conduct involved
 1142 does not violate the purposes this chapter; or

1143 (b) There was no intentional action on the part of the
 1144 employee or agent, contingent on divestment of any financial
 1145 interest within 30 days after the interest was acquired.

1146 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), an employee or agent
 1147 of the commission who violates this chapter shall be terminated
 1148 if a financial interest in a licensee, applicant, or affiliate

1149 or representative of a licensee or applicant is acquired by:

1150 (a) An employee of the commission; or

1151 (b) The employee's or agent's spouse, parent, or child.

1152 (4) A violation of this chapter does not create a civil
 1153 cause of action.

1154 Section 14. Section 551.301, Florida Statutes, is created
 1155 to read:

1156 551.301 This part may be cited as the "Destination Resort
 1157 Act" or the "Resort Act."

1158 Section 15. Section 551.302, Florida Statutes, is created
 1159 to read:

1160 551.302 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

1161 (1) "Ancillary areas" includes the following areas within
 1162 a limited gaming facility, unless the context otherwise
 1163 requires:

1164 (a) Major aisles, the maximum area of which may not exceed
 1165 the limit within any part of the limited gaming facility as
 1166 specified by the commission.

1167 (b) Back-of-house facilities.

1168 (c) Any reception or information counter.

1169 (d) Any area designated for the serving or consumption of
 1170 food and beverages.

1171 (e) Any retail outlet.

1172 (f) Any area designated for performances.

1173 (g) Any area designated for aesthetic or decorative
 1174 displays.

1175 (h) Staircases, staircase landings, escalators, lifts, and
 1176 lift lobbies.

1177 (i) Bathrooms.
 1178 (j) Any other area that is not intended to be used for the
 1179 conduct or playing of games or as a gaming pit as defined by
 1180 rules of the commission or specified in the application for the
 1181 destination resort license.

1182 (2) "Applicant," as the context requires, means a person
 1183 who applies for a resort license, supplier license, or
 1184 occupational license. A county, municipality, or other unit of
 1185 government is prohibited from applying for a resort license.

1186 (3) "Credit" means the method by which a licensee issues
 1187 chips or tokens to a wagerer of the licensee to play games or
 1188 slot machines, in return for which the wagerer executes a credit
 1189 instrument to evidence the debt owed. The issuance of credit to
 1190 a wagerer may not be deemed a loan from the licensee to the
 1191 wagerer.

1192 (4) "Destination resort" or "resort" means a freestanding,
 1193 land-based structure in which limited gaming may be conducted. A
 1194 destination resort is a mixed-use development consisting of a
 1195 combination of various tourism amenities and facilities,
 1196 including, but not limited to, hotels, villas, restaurants,
 1197 limited gaming facilities, convention facilities, attractions,
 1198 entertainment facilities, service centers, and shopping centers.

1199 (5) "Destination resort license" or "resort license" means
 1200 a license to operate and maintain a destination resort having a
 1201 limited gaming facility.

1202 (6) "District" means a county in which a majority of the
 1203 electors voting in a countywide referendum have approved the
 1204 conduct of slot machine gaming as defined in s. 551.102 or a

1205 majority of the electors voting in a countywide referendum have
 1206 passed a referendum allowing for limited gaming.

1207 (7) "Gaming pit" means an area commonly known as a gaming
 1208 pit or any similar area from which limited gaming employees
 1209 administer and supervise the games.

1210 (8) "Gross receipts" means the total of cash or cash
 1211 equivalents received or retained as winnings by a resort
 1212 licensee and the compensation received for conducting any game
 1213 in which the resort licensee is not party to a wager, less cash
 1214 taken in fraudulent acts perpetrated against the resort licensee
 1215 for which the resort licensee is not reimbursed. The term does
 1216 not include:

1217 (a) Counterfeit money or tokens;

1218 (b) Coins of other countries which are received in gaming
 1219 devices and which cannot be converted into United States
 1220 currency;

1221 (c) Promotional credits or free play as provided by the
 1222 resort licensee as a means of marketing the limited gaming
 1223 facility; or

1224 (d) The amount of any credit extended until collected.

1225 (9) "Individual" means a natural person.

1226 (10) "Institutional investor" means, but is not limited
 1227 to:

1228 (a) A retirement fund administered by a public agency for
 1229 the exclusive benefit of federal, state, or county public
 1230 employees.

1231 (b) An employee benefit plan or pension fund that is
 1232 subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

1233 (c) An investment company registered under the Investment
 1234 Company Act of 1940.

1235 (d) A collective investment trust organized by a bank
 1236 under 12 C.F.R. part 9, s. 9.18.

1237 (e) A closed-end investment trust.

1238 (f) A life insurance company or property and casualty
 1239 insurance company.

1240 (g) A financial institution.

1241 (h) An investment advisor registered under the Investment
 1242 Advisers Act of 1940.

1243 (i) Such other persons as the commission may determine for
 1244 reasons consistent with the policies of this part.

1245 (11) "Junket enterprise" means any person who, for
 1246 compensation, employs or otherwise engages in the procurement or
 1247 referral of persons for a junket to a destination resort
 1248 licensed under this part regardless of whether those activities
 1249 occur within this state. The term does not include a resort
 1250 licensee or applicant for a resort license or a person holding
 1251 an occupational license.

1252 (12) "License," as the context requires, means a resort
 1253 license, supplier license, or occupational license.

1254 (13) "Licensee," as the context requires, means a person
 1255 who is licensed as a resort licensee, supplier licensee, or
 1256 occupational licensee.

1257 (14) "Limited gaming," "game," or "gaming," as the context
 1258 requires, means the games authorized under this part in a
 1259 limited gaming facility, including, but not limited to, those
 1260 commonly known as baccarat, twenty-one, poker, craps, slot

1261 machines, video gaming of chance, roulette wheels, Klondike
 1262 tables, punch-board, faro layout, numbers ticket, push car, jar
 1263 ticket, pull tab, or their common variants, or any other game of
 1264 chance or wagering device that is authorized by the commission.

1265 (15) "Limited gaming employee" or "gaming employee" means
 1266 any employee of a resort licensee, including, but not limited
 1267 to:

1268 (a) Cashiers.

1269 (b) Change personnel.

1270 (c) Count room personnel.

1271 (d) Slot machine attendants.

1272 (e) Hosts or other individuals authorized to extend
 1273 complimentary services, including employees performing functions
 1274 similar to those performed by a representative for a junket
 1275 enterprise.

1276 (f) Machine mechanics and computer technicians performing
 1277 duties on machines with gaming-related functions or table game
 1278 device technicians.

1279 (g) Security personnel.

1280 (h) Surveillance personnel.

1281 (i) Promotional play supervisors, credit supervisors, pit
 1282 supervisors, cashier supervisors, gaming shift supervisors,
 1283 table game managers, assistant managers, and other supervisors
 1284 and managers.

1285 (j) Boxmen.

1286 (k) Dealers or croupiers.

1287 (l) Floormen.

1288 (m) Personnel authorized to issue promotional credits.

1289 (n) Personnel authorized to issue credit.

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 1291 The term does not include bartenders, cocktail servers, or other
 1292 persons engaged in preparing or serving food or beverages,
 1293 clerical or secretarial personnel, parking attendants,
 1294 janitorial staff, stage hands, sound and light technicians, and
 1295 other nongaming personnel as determined by the commission. The
 1296 term includes a person employed by a person or entity other than
 1297 a resort licensee who performs the functions of a limited gaming
 1298 employee.

1299 (16) "Limited gaming facility" means the limited gaming
 1300 floor and any ancillary areas.

1301 (17) "Limited gaming floor" means the approved gaming area
 1302 of a resort. Ancillary areas in or directly adjacent to the
 1303 gaming area are not part of the limited gaming floor for
 1304 purposes of calculating the size of the limited gaming floor.

1305 (18) "Managerial employee" has the same meaning as in s.
 1306 447.203(4).

1307 (19) "Occupational licensee" means a person who is
 1308 licensed to be a limited gaming employee.

1309 (20) "Qualifier" means an affiliate, affiliated company,
 1310 officer, director, or managerial employee of an applicant for a
 1311 resort license, or a person who holds a direct or indirect
 1312 equity interest in the applicant. The term may include an
 1313 institutional investor. As used in this subsection, the terms
 1314 "affiliate," "affiliated company," and "a person who holds a
 1315 direct or indirect equity interest in the applicant" do not
 1316 include a partnership, a joint venture relationship, a

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1317 shareholder of a corporation, a member of a limited liability
 1318 company, or a partner in a limited liability partnership that
 1319 has a direct or indirect equity interest in the applicant for a
 1320 resort license of 5 percent or less and is not involved in the
 1321 gaming operations as defined by the rules of the commission.

1322 (21) "Supplier licensee" or "supplier" means a person who
 1323 is licensed to furnish gaming equipment, devices, or supplies or
 1324 other goods or services to a resort licensee.

1325 (22) "Wagerer" means a person who plays a game authorized
 1326 under this part.

1327 Section 16. Section 551.304, Florida Statutes, is created
 1328 to read:

1329 551.304 State Gaming Commission; powers and duties.-

1330 (1) The commission shall:

1331 (a) Authorize limited gaming at three destination resorts.

1332 (b) Conduct such investigations as necessary to fulfill
 1333 its responsibilities.

1334 (c) Use an invitation to negotiate process for applicants
 1335 based on minimum requirements established by this part and rules
 1336 of the commission.

1337 (d) Investigate applicants for a resort license and
 1338 determine the eligibility of applicants for a resort license and
 1339 select from competing applicants the applicant that best serves
 1340 the interests of the residents of Florida, based on the
 1341 potential for economic development presented by the applicant's
 1342 proposed investment in infrastructure, such as hotels and other
 1343 nongaming entertainment facilities, and the applicant's ability
 1344 to maximize revenue for the state.

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1345 (e) Grant a license to the applicant best suited to
1346 operate a destination resort that has limited gaming.

1347 (f) Establish and collect fees for performing background
1348 checks on all applicants for licenses and all persons with whom
1349 the commission may contract for the providing of goods or
1350 services and for performing, or having performed, tests on
1351 equipment and devices to be used in a limited gaming facility.

1352 (g) Issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and
1353 subpoenas duces tecum for the production of books, records, and
1354 other pertinent documents as provided by law, and to administer
1355 oaths and affirmations to the witnesses, if, in the judgment of
1356 the commission, it is necessary to enforce this part or
1357 commission rules. If a person fails to comply with a subpoena,
1358 the commission may petition the circuit court of the county in
1359 which the person subpoenaed resides or has his or her principal
1360 place of business for an order requiring the subpoenaed person
1361 to appear and testify and to produce books, records, and
1362 documents as specified in the subpoena. The court may grant
1363 legal, equitable, or injunctive relief, which may include, but
1364 is not limited to, issuance of a writ of ne exeat or restraint
1365 by injunction or appointment of a receiver of any transfer,
1366 pledge, assignment, or other disposition of such person's assets
1367 or any concealment, alteration, destruction, or other
1368 disposition of subpoenaed books, records, or documents, as the
1369 court deems appropriate, until the person subpoenaed has fully
1370 complied with the subpoena and the commission has completed the
1371 audit, examination, or investigation. The commission is entitled
1372 to the summary procedure provided in s. 51.011, and the court

1373 shall advance the cause on its calendar. Costs incurred by the
 1374 commission to obtain an order granting, in whole or in part,
 1375 such petition for enforcement of a subpoena shall be charged
 1376 against the subpoenaed person, and failure to comply with such
 1377 order is a contempt of court.

1378 (h) The commission shall require each applicant for a
 1379 destination resort license to produce the information,
 1380 documentation, and assurances as may be necessary to establish
 1381 by clear and convincing evidence the integrity of all financial
 1382 backers, investors, mortgagees, bondholders, and holders of
 1383 indentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, either in
 1384 effect or proposed. Any such banking or lending institution and
 1385 institutional investors may be waived from qualification
 1386 requirements. However, banking or lending institutions or
 1387 institutional investors shall produce for the board upon request
 1388 any document or information that bears any relation to the
 1389 proposal submitted by the applicant or applicants. The integrity
 1390 of the financial sources shall be judged upon the same standards
 1391 as the applicant or applicants. Any such person or entity shall
 1392 produce for the commission upon request any document or
 1393 information that bears any relation to the application. In
 1394 addition, the applicant shall produce whatever information,
 1395 documentation, or assurances the commission requires to
 1396 establish by clear and convincing evidence the adequacy of
 1397 financial resources.

1398 (i) Require or permit a person to file a statement in
 1399 writing, under oath or otherwise as the commission or its
 1400 designee requires, as to all the facts and circumstances

1401 concerning the matter to be audited, examined, or investigated.

1402 (j) Keep accurate and complete records of its proceedings
 1403 and to certify the records as may be appropriate.

1404 (k) Take any other action as may be reasonable or
 1405 appropriate to enforce this part and rules adopted by the
 1406 commission.

1407 (l) Apply for injunctive or declaratory relief in a court
 1408 of competent jurisdiction to enforce this part and any rules
 1409 adopted by the commission.

1410 (m) Establish field offices, as deemed necessary by the
 1411 commission.

1412 (2) The Department of Law Enforcement and local law
 1413 enforcement agencies may investigate any criminal violation of
 1414 law occurring at a destination resort. Such investigations may
 1415 be conducted in conjunction with the appropriate state attorney.

1416 (3) (a) The commission, the Department of Law Enforcement,
 1417 and local law enforcement agencies shall have unrestricted
 1418 access to the limited gaming facility at all times and shall
 1419 require of each resort licensee strict compliance with the laws
 1420 of this state relating to the transaction of such business. The
 1421 commission and the Department of Law Enforcement may:

1422 1. Inspect and examine premises where authorized limited
 1423 gaming devices are offered for play.

1424 2. Inspect slot machines, other authorized gaming devices,
 1425 and related equipment and supplies.

1426 (b) In addition, the commission may:

1427 1. Collect taxes, assessments, fees, and penalties.

1428 2. Deny, revoke, or suspend a license of, or place

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1429 conditions on, a licensee who violates any provision of this
 1430 part, a rule adopted by the commission, or an order of the
 1431 commission.

1432 (4) The commission must revoke or suspend the license of
 1433 any person who is no longer qualified or who is found, after
 1434 receiving a license, to have been unqualified at the time of
 1435 application for the license.

1436 (5) This section does not:

1437 (a) Prohibit the Department of Law Enforcement or any law
 1438 enforcement authority whose jurisdiction includes a resort
 1439 licensee or a supplier licensee from conducting investigations
 1440 of criminal activities occurring at the facilities of a resort
 1441 licensee or supplier licensee;

1442 (b) Restrict access to the limited gaming facility by the
 1443 Department of Law Enforcement or any local law enforcement
 1444 authority whose jurisdiction includes a resort licensee's
 1445 facility; or

1446 (c) Restrict access by the Department of Law Enforcement
 1447 or a local law enforcement agency to information and records
 1448 necessary for the investigation of criminal activity which are
 1449 contained within the facilities of a resort licensee or supplier
 1450 licensee.

1451 Section 17. Section 551.305, Florida Statutes, is created
 1452 to read:

1453 551.305 Rulemaking.—

1454 (1) The commission shall adopt all rules necessary to
 1455 implement, administer, and regulate limited gaming under this
 1456 part. The rules must include:

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1457 (a) The types of limited gaming activities to be conducted
1458 and the rules for those games, including any restriction upon
1459 the time, place, and structures where limited gaming is
1460 authorized.

1461 (b) Requirements, procedures, qualifications, and grounds
1462 for the issuance, renewal, revocation, suspension, and summary
1463 suspension of a resort license, supplier license, or
1464 occupational license.

1465 (c) Requirements for the disclosure of the complete
1466 financial interests of licensees and applicants for licenses.

1467 (d) Technical requirements and the qualifications that are
1468 necessary to receive a license.

1469 (e) Procedures to scientifically test and technically
1470 evaluate slot machines and other authorized gaming devices for
1471 compliance with this part and the rules adopted by the
1472 commission. The commission may contract with an independent
1473 testing laboratory to conduct any necessary testing. The
1474 independent testing laboratory must have a national reputation
1475 for being demonstrably competent and qualified to scientifically
1476 test and evaluate slot machines and other authorized gaming
1477 devices. An independent testing laboratory may not be owned or
1478 controlled by a licensee. The use of an independent testing
1479 laboratory for any purpose related to the conduct of slot
1480 machine gaming and other authorized gaming by a resort licensee
1481 shall be made from a list of laboratories approved by the
1482 commission.

1483 (f) Procedures relating to limited gaming revenues,
1484 including verifying and accounting for such revenues, auditing,

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1485 and collecting taxes and fees.

1486 (g) Requirements for limited gaming equipment, including
1487 the types and specifications of all equipment and devices that
1488 may be used in limited gaming facilities.

1489 (h) Procedures for regulating, managing, and auditing the
1490 operation, financial data, and program information relating to
1491 limited gaming which allow the commission and the Department of
1492 Law Enforcement to audit the operation, financial data, and
1493 program information of a resort licensee, as required by the
1494 commission or the Department of Law Enforcement, and provide the
1495 commission and the Department of Law Enforcement with the
1496 ability to monitor, at any time on a real-time basis, wagering
1497 patterns, payouts, tax collection, and compliance with any rules
1498 adopted by the commission for the regulation and control of
1499 limited gaming. Such continuous and complete access, at any time
1500 on a real-time basis, shall include the ability of either the
1501 commission or the Department of Law Enforcement to suspend play
1502 immediately on particular slot machines or other gaming devices
1503 if monitoring of the facilities-based computer system indicates
1504 possible tampering or manipulation of those slot machines or
1505 gaming devices or the ability to suspend play immediately of the
1506 entire operation if the tampering or manipulation is of the
1507 computer system itself. The commission shall notify the
1508 Department of Law Enforcement and the Department of Law
1509 Enforcement shall notify the commission, as appropriate,
1510 whenever there is a suspension of play pursuant this paragraph.
1511 The commission and the Department of Law Enforcement shall
1512 exchange information that is necessary for, and cooperate in the

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1513 investigation of, the circumstances requiring suspension of play
1514 pursuant to this paragraph.

1515 (i) Procedures for requiring each resort licensee at his
1516 or her own cost and expense to supply the commission with a bond
1517 as required.

1518 (j) The requirements for an applicant to demonstrate that
1519 it has received conceptual approval for the destination resort
1520 proposal from the municipality and county in which the resort
1521 will be located.

1522 (k) Procedures for requiring licensees to maintain and to
1523 provide to the commission records, data, information, or
1524 reports, including financial and income records.

1525 (l) Procedures to calculate the payout percentages of slot
1526 machines.

1527 (m) Minimum standards for security of the facilities,
1528 including floor plans, security cameras, and other security
1529 equipment.

1530 (n) The scope and conditions for investigations and
1531 inspections into the conduct of limited gaming.

1532 (o) The standards and procedures for the seizure without
1533 notice or hearing of gaming equipment, supplies, or books and
1534 records for the purpose of examination and inspection.

1535 (p) Procedures for requiring resort licensees and supplier
1536 licensees to implement and establish drug-testing programs for
1537 all occupational employees.

1538 (q) Procedures and guidelines for the continuous recording
1539 of all gaming activities at a limited gaming facility. The
1540 commission may require a resort licensee to timely provide all

1541 or part of the original recordings pursuant to a schedule.

1542 (r) The payment of costs incurred by the commission or any
 1543 other agencies for investigations or background checks or costs
 1544 associated with testing limited gaming related equipment, which
 1545 must be paid by an applicant for a license or a licensee.

1546 (s) The levying of fines for violations of this part or
 1547 any rule adopted by the commission, which fines may not exceed
 1548 \$250,000 per violation arising out of a single transaction.

1549 (t) The amount of the application fee for an initial
 1550 issuance or renewal of an occupational license or a suppliers
 1551 license, not to exceed \$5,000.

1552 (u) Any other rules the commission finds necessary for
 1553 safe, honest, and highly regulated gaming in the state. For
 1554 purposes of this paragraph, the commission shall consider rules
 1555 from any other jurisdiction in which gaming is highly regulated,
 1556 such as New Jersey or Nevada.

1557 (v) Any other rule necessary to accomplish the purposes of
 1558 this part.

1559 (2) The commission may at any time adopt emergency rules
 1560 pursuant to s. 120.54. The Legislature finds that such emergency
 1561 rulemaking power is necessary for the preservation of the rights
 1562 and welfare of the people in order to provide additional funds
 1563 to benefit the public. The Legislature further finds that the
 1564 unique nature of limited gaming operations requires, from time
 1565 to time, that the commission respond as quickly as is
 1566 practicable. Therefore, in adopting such emergency rules, the
 1567 commission need not make the findings required by s.
 1568 120.54(4) (a). Emergency rules adopted under this section are

1569 exempt from s. 120.54(4)(c). However, the emergency rules may
 1570 not remain in effect for more than 180 days except that the
 1571 commission may renew the emergency rules during the pendency of
 1572 procedures to adopt permanent rules addressing the subject of
 1573 the emergency rules.

1574 Section 18. Section 551.306, Florida Statutes, is created
 1575 to read:

1576 551.306 Legislative authority; administration of part.—The
 1577 regulation of the conduct of limited gaming activity at a resort
 1578 licensee is preempted to the state and a county, municipality,
 1579 or other political subdivision of the state may not enact any
 1580 ordinance relating to limited gaming. Only the department and
 1581 other authorized state agencies may administer this part and
 1582 regulate limited gaming, including limited gaming at resort
 1583 licensees and the assessment of fees or taxes relating to the
 1584 conduct of limited gaming.

1585 Section 19. Section 551.307, Florida Statutes, is created
 1586 to read:

1587 551.307 Authorization of limited gaming at destination
 1588 resorts.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
 1589 commission may award a resort license authorizing limited gaming
 1590 in a county only if a majority of the electors voting in a
 1591 countywide referendum have approved the conduct of slot machine
 1592 gaming as defined in s. 551.102 or a majority of the electors
 1593 voting in a countywide referendum have passed a referendum
 1594 allowing for limited gaming. If limited gaming is authorized
 1595 through the award of a resort license, the resort licensee may
 1596 possess slot machines and other authorized gaming devices and

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1597 conduct limited gaming at the licensed location. Notwithstanding
 1598 any other provision of law, a person who is at least 21 years of
 1599 age may lawfully participate in authorized games at a facility
 1600 licensed to possess authorized limited gaming devices and
 1601 conduct limited gaming or to participate in limited gaming as
 1602 described in this part.

1603 Section 20. Section 551.308, Florida Statutes, is created
 1604 to read:

1605 551.308 Process for awarding destination resort licenses.—

1606 (1) The commission shall by rule use an invitation to
 1607 negotiate process for determining the award of a resort license.
 1608 The application, review, and issuance procedures for awarding a
 1609 license shall be by a process in which applicants rely on forms
 1610 provided by the commission in response to an invitation to
 1611 negotiate issued by the commission. The commission shall issue
 1612 the invitation to negotiate no later than 90 days after the date
 1613 of the commission's first meeting.

1614 (2) Proposals in response to the invitation to negotiate
 1615 must be received by the commission no later than 90 days after
 1616 the issuance of the invitation to negotiate.

1617 (3) The commission may specify in its invitation to
 1618 negotiate the county in which the facility would be located.
 1619 When determining whether to authorize a destination resort
 1620 located within a specific county or counties, the commission
 1621 shall hold a public hearing in such county or counties to
 1622 discuss the proposals and receive public comments on
 1623 determination of the award of licenses.

1624 (4) The commission shall review all complete replies

1625 received pursuant to an invitation to negotiate. The commission
 1626 may select one or more replies with which to commence
 1627 negotiations after determining which replies are in the best
 1628 interest of the state based on the selection criteria. The
 1629 commission shall award or deny a destination resort license
 1630 within 90 days after the deadline for the submission of a reply.

1631 Section 21. Section 551.309, Florida Statutes, is created
 1632 to read:

1633 551.309 Criteria for the award of a destination resort
 1634 license.-The commission may award no more than three destination
 1635 resort licenses.

1636 (1) The commission may award a resort license to the
 1637 applicant of an invitation to negotiate which best serves the
 1638 interests of the residents of this state. The reply to an
 1639 invitation to negotiate for a resort license must include an
 1640 application that demonstrates the applicant's ability to meet
 1641 the following minimum criteria:

1642 (a) The applicant must demonstrate a capacity to increase
 1643 tourism, generate jobs, provide revenue to the local economy,
 1644 and provide revenue to the General Revenue Fund.

1645 (b) The limited gaming floor in a destination resort may
 1646 constitute no more than 10 percent of the resort development's
 1647 total square footage. The resort development's total square
 1648 footage is the aggregate of the total square footage of the
 1649 limited gaming facility, the hotel or hotels, convention space,
 1650 retail facilities, nongaming entertainment facilities, service
 1651 centers, and office space or administrative areas.

1652 (c) The applicant must demonstrate a history of, or a bona

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1653 fide plan for, community involvement or investment in the
1654 community where the resort having a limited gaming facility will
1655 be located.

1656 (d) The applicant must demonstrate the financial ability
1657 to purchase and maintain an adequate surety bond.

1658 (e) The applicant must demonstrate that it has adequate
1659 capitalization to develop, construct, maintain, and operate the
1660 proposed resort having a limited gaming facility in accordance
1661 with the requirements of this part and rules adopted by the
1662 commission and to responsibly meet its secured and unsecured
1663 debt obligations in accordance with its financial and other
1664 contractual agreements.

1665 (f) The applicant must demonstrate the ability to
1666 implement a program to train and employ residents of this state
1667 for jobs that will be available at the destination resort,
1668 including its ability to implement a program for the training of
1669 low-income persons.

1670 (g) The commission may, at its discretion, assess the
1671 quality of the proposed development's aesthetic appearance in
1672 the context of its potential to provide substantial economic
1673 benefits to the community and the people of this state,
1674 including, but not limited to, its potential to provide
1675 substantial employment opportunities.

1676 (h) The applicant must demonstrate that it will expend at
1677 least \$2 billion in new development and construction of the
1678 proposed destination resort following the award of a license,
1679 excluding any purchase price and costs associated with the
1680 acquisition of real property on which to develop the destination

1681 resort. Such expenditure must in aggregate be completed within 5
 1682 years after the award of any such license.

1683 (i) The applicant must demonstrate the ability to generate
 1684 substantial gross receipts.

1685 (2) (a) The commission shall evaluate applications based on
 1686 the following weighted criteria:

- 1687 1. Design and location: 35 percent.
- 1688 2. Management expertise: 10 percent.
- 1689 3. Speed to market: 35 percent.
- 1690 4. Financial plan and access to capital: 10 percent.
- 1691 5. Community plan: 10 percent.

1692 (b) The commission shall give preference to those
 1693 applicants that demonstrate that they meet the following
 1694 criteria:

1695 1. The roads, water, sanitation, utilities, and related
 1696 services to the proposed location of the destination resort are
 1697 adequate and the proposed destination resort will not unduly
 1698 impact public services, existing transportation infrastructure,
 1699 consumption of natural resources, and the quality of life
 1700 enjoyed by residents of the surrounding neighborhoods.

1701 2. The applicant will be able to commence construction as
 1702 soon after awarding of the resort license as possible, but, in
 1703 any event, no later than 12 months after the award of the resort
 1704 license.

1705 3. The destination resort may be located in an empowerment
 1706 zone or enterprise zone, as those terms are defined by federal
 1707 and state law.

1708 4. The destination resort will be located in an area in

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1709 which the unemployment rate in the zip codes immediately
1710 surrounding the proposed location is among the highest in the
1711 state.

1712 5. The destination resort will include amenities and uses
1713 that will allow other state businesses to be included within the
1714 destination resort.

1715 (3) A resort license may be issued only to persons of good
1716 moral character who are at least 21 years of age. A resort
1717 license may issued to a corporation only if its officers are of
1718 good moral character and at least 21 years of age.

1719 (4) A resort license may not be issued to an applicant if
1720 the applicant, qualifier, or institutional investor:

1721 (a) Has, within the last 5 years, been adjudicated by a
1722 court or tribunal for failure to pay income, sales, or gross
1723 receipts tax due and payable under any federal, state, or local
1724 law, after exhaustion of all appeals or administrative remedies.

1725 (b) Has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this
1726 state, any other state, or the United States.

1727 (c) Has been convicted of any violation under chapter 817
1728 or under a substantially similar law of another jurisdiction.

1729 (d) Knowingly submitted false information in the
1730 application for the license.

1731 (e) Is a member or employee of the commission.

1732 (f) Was licensed to own or operate gaming or pari-mutuel
1733 facilities in this state or another jurisdiction and that
1734 license was revoked.

1735 (g) Is an entity that has accepted any wager of money or
1736 other consideration on any online gambling activity, including

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1737 poker, from any state resident since October 13, 2006. However,
 1738 this prohibition does not disqualify an applicant or
 1739 subcontractor who accepts online pari-mutuel wagers from a state
 1740 resident through a legal online pari-mutuel wagering entity
 1741 authorized in another state.

1742 (h) Fails to meet any other criteria for licensure set
 1743 forth in this part.

1744
 1745 As used in this subsection, the term "conviction" includes an
 1746 adjudication of guilt on a plea of guilty or nolo contendere or
 1747 the forfeiture of a bond when charged with a crime.

1748 Section 22. Section 551.310, Florida Statutes, is created
 1749 to read:

1750 551.310 Application for destination resort license.-

1751 (1) APPLICATION.-A reply submitted in response to an
 1752 invitation to negotiate must include a sworn application in the
 1753 format prescribed by the commission. The application must
 1754 include the following information:

1755 (a)1. The name, business address, telephone number, social
 1756 security number, and, where applicable, federal tax
 1757 identification number of the applicant and each qualifier; and

1758 2. Information, documentation, and assurances concerning
 1759 financial background and resources as may be required to
 1760 establish the financial stability, integrity, and responsibility
 1761 of the applicant. This includes business and personal income and
 1762 disbursement schedules, tax returns and other reports filed with
 1763 governmental agencies, and business and personal accounting and
 1764 check records and ledgers. In addition, each applicant must

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1765 provide written authorization for the examination of all bank
1766 accounts and records as may be deemed necessary by the
1767 commission.

1768 (b) The identity and, if applicable, the state of
1769 incorporation or registration of any business in which the
1770 applicant or a qualifier has an equity interest of more than 5
1771 percent. If the applicant or qualifier is a corporation,
1772 partnership, or other business entity, the applicant or
1773 qualifier must identify any other corporation, partnership, or
1774 other business entity in which it has an equity interest of more
1775 than 5 percent, including, if applicable, the state of
1776 incorporation or registration.

1777 (c) Documentation, as required by the commission, that the
1778 applicant has received conceptual approval of the destination
1779 resort proposal from the municipality and county in which the
1780 resort will be located.

1781 (d) A statement as to whether the applicant or a qualifier
1782 has developed and operated a similar gaming facility within a
1783 highly regulated domestic jurisdiction that allows similar forms
1784 of development, including a description of the gaming facility,
1785 the gaming facility's gross revenue, and the amount of revenue
1786 the gaming facility has generated for state and local
1787 governments within that jurisdiction.

1788 (e) A statement as to whether the applicant or a qualifier
1789 has been indicted, convicted of, pled guilty or nolo contendere
1790 to, or forfeited bail for any felony or for a misdemeanor
1791 involving gambling, theft, or fraud. The statement must include
1792 the date, the name and location of the court, the arresting

1793 agency, the prosecuting agency, the case caption, the docket
 1794 number, the nature of the offense, the disposition of the case,
 1795 and, if applicable, the location and length of incarceration.

1796 (f) A statement as to whether the applicant or a qualifier
 1797 has ever been granted any license or certificate in any
 1798 jurisdiction which has been restricted, suspended, revoked, not
 1799 renewed, or otherwise subjected to discipline. The statement
 1800 must describe the facts and circumstances concerning that
 1801 restriction, suspension, revocation, nonrenewal, or discipline,
 1802 including the licensing authority, the date each action was
 1803 taken, and an explanation of the circumstances for each
 1804 disciplinary action.

1805 (g) A statement as to whether the applicant or qualifier
 1806 has, as a principal or a controlling shareholder, within the
 1807 last 10 years, filed for protection under the Federal Bankruptcy
 1808 Code or had an involuntary bankruptcy petition filed against it.

1809 (h) A statement as to whether the applicant or qualifier
 1810 has, within the last 5 years, been adjudicated by a court or
 1811 tribunal for failure to pay any income, sales, or gross receipts
 1812 tax due and payable under federal, state, or local law, or under
 1813 the laws of any applicable foreign jurisdiction, after
 1814 exhaustion of all appeals or administrative remedies. This
 1815 statement must identify the amount and type of the tax and the
 1816 time periods involved and must describe the resolution of the
 1817 nonpayment.

1818 (i) A list of the names and titles of any public officials
 1819 or officers of any unit of state government or of the local
 1820 government or governments in the county or municipality in which

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1821 the proposed resort is to be located, and the spouses, parents,
1822 and children of those public officials or officers, who,
1823 directly or indirectly, own any financial interest in, have any
1824 beneficial interest in, are the creditors of, hold any debt
1825 instrument issued by the applicant or a qualifier, or hold or
1826 have an interest in any contractual or service relationship with
1827 the applicant or qualifier. As used in this paragraph, the terms
1828 "public official" and "officer" do not include a person who
1829 would be listed solely because the person is a member of the
1830 Florida National Guard.

1831 (j) The name and business telephone number of, and a
1832 disclosure of fees paid to any attorney, lobbyist, employee,
1833 consultant, or other person who has represented the applicant's
1834 interests in the state for 3 years prior to the effective date
1835 of this section or who is representing an applicant before the
1836 commission during the application process.

1837 (k) A description of the applicant's history of and
1838 proposed plan for community involvement or investment in the
1839 community where the resort having a limited gaming facility
1840 would be located.

1841 (l) A description of the applicant's proposed resort,
1842 including a map documenting the location of the facility within
1843 the specific county or counties; a statement regarding the
1844 compliance of the applicant with state, regional, and local
1845 planning and zoning requirements; a description of the economic
1846 benefit to the community in which the facility would be located;
1847 the anticipated number of jobs generated by construction of the
1848 facility; the anticipated number of employees; a statement

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1849 regarding how the applicant would comply with federal and state
1850 affirmative action guidelines; a projection of admissions or
1851 attendance at the limited gaming facility; a projection of gross
1852 receipts; and scientific market research pertaining to the
1853 proposed facility, if any.

1854 (m) Proof that a countywide referendum has been approved
1855 by the electors of the county to authorize slot machine gaming
1856 as defined in s. 551.102 in the county prior to the application
1857 deadline or that proof of a countywide referendum has been
1858 approved prior to the application deadline by the electors of
1859 the county authorizing limited gaming as defined in this
1860 chapter.

1861 (n) A schedule or timeframe for completing the resort.

1862 (o) A plan for training residents of this state for jobs
1863 at the resort. The job-training plan must provide training to
1864 enable low-income persons to qualify for jobs at the resort.

1865 (p) The identity of each person, association, trust, or
1866 corporation or partnership having a direct or indirect equity
1867 interest in the applicant of greater than 5 percent. If
1868 disclosure of a trust is required under this paragraph, the
1869 names and addresses of the beneficiaries of the trust must also
1870 be disclosed. If the identity of a corporation must be
1871 disclosed, the names and addresses of all stockholders and
1872 directors must also be disclosed. If the identity of a
1873 partnership must be disclosed, the names and addresses of all
1874 partners, both general and limited, must also be disclosed.

1875 (q) A destination resort and limited gaming facility
1876 development plan and projected investment of \$2 billion pursuant

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1877 to s. 551.309.

1878 (r) The fingerprints of all officers or directors of the
1879 applicant and qualifiers, and any persons exercising operational
1880 or managerial control of the applicant, as determined by rule of
1881 the commission, for a criminal history record check.

1882 (s) A statement outlining the organization's diversity
1883 plan.

1884 (t) A listing of all gaming licenses and permits the
1885 applicant or qualifier currently possesses.

1886 (u) A listing of former or inactive officers, directors,
1887 partners, and trustees.

1888 (v) A listing of all affiliated business entities or
1889 holding companies, including nongaming interests.

1890 (w) Any other information the commission may deem
1891 appropriate or require during the application process as
1892 provided by rule.

1893 (2) DISCRETION TO REQUIRE INFORMATION.—Notwithstanding any
1894 other provision of law, the commission is the sole authority for
1895 determining the information or documentation that must be
1896 included in an application for a resort license or in an
1897 application to renew a resort license. Such documentation and
1898 information may relate to: demographics, education, work
1899 history, personal background, criminal history, finances,
1900 business information, complaints, inspections, investigations,
1901 discipline, bonding, photographs, performance periods,
1902 reciprocity, local government approvals, supporting
1903 documentation, periodic reporting requirements, and fingerprint
1904 requirements.

1905 (3) DUTY TO SUPPLEMENT APPLICATION.—The application shall
 1906 be supplemented as needed to reflect any material change in any
 1907 circumstance or condition stated in the application which takes
 1908 place between the initial filing of the application and the
 1909 final grant or denial of the license. Any submission required to
 1910 be in writing may otherwise be required by the commission to be
 1911 made by electronic means.

1912 (4) APPLICATION FEES.—

1913 (a) The application for a resort license must be submitted
 1914 along with a nonrefundable application fee of \$1 million to be
 1915 used by the commission to defray costs associated with the
 1916 review and investigation of the application and to conduct a
 1917 background investigation of the applicant and each qualifier. If
 1918 the cost of the review and investigation exceeds \$1 million, the
 1919 applicant must pay the additional amount to the commission
 1920 within 30 days after the receipt of a request for an additional
 1921 payment.

1922 (b) The application for a destination resort license must
 1923 be submitted with a one-time licensing fee of \$50 million. If
 1924 the commission denies the application, the commission must
 1925 refund the licensing fee within 30 days after the denial of the
 1926 application. If the applicant withdraws the application after
 1927 the application deadline established by the commission, the
 1928 commission must refund 80 percent of the licensing fee within 30
 1929 days after the application is withdrawn.

1930 Section 23. Section 551.311, Florida Statutes, is created
 1931 to read:

1932 551.311 Incomplete applications.—

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1933 (1) An incomplete application for a resort license is
 1934 grounds for the denial of the application.

1935 (2) (a) If the commission determines that an application
 1936 for a resort license is incomplete, the executive director shall
 1937 immediately provide written notice to the applicant of the
 1938 incomplete items. The applicant may then request an informal
 1939 conference with the executive director or his or her designee to
 1940 discuss the application.

1941 (b) The executive director may provide the applicant an
 1942 extension of 30 days to complete the application following the
 1943 date of the informal conference. If the executive director finds
 1944 that the application has not been completed within the
 1945 extension, the applicant may appeal the finding to the
 1946 commission. During an extension or the pendency of an appeal to
 1947 the commission, the award of resort licenses in the applicable
 1948 county is stayed.

1949 Section 24. Section 551.312, Florida Statutes, is created
 1950 to read:

1951 551.312 Institutional investors as qualifiers.-

1952 (1) (a) An application for a resort license that has an
 1953 institutional investor as a qualifier need not contain
 1954 information relating to the institutional investor, other than
 1955 the identity of the investor, if the institutional investor
 1956 holds less than 15 percent of the equity or debt securities and
 1957 files a certified statement that the institutional investor does
 1958 not intend to influence or affect the affairs of the applicant
 1959 or an affiliate of the applicant and that its holdings of
 1960 securities of the applicant or affiliate were purchased for

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1961 investment purposes only.

1962 (b) The commission may limit the application requirements
1963 as provided in this subsection for an institutional investor
1964 that is a qualifier and that holds 5 percent or more of the
1965 equity or debt securities of an applicant or affiliate of the
1966 applicant upon a showing of good cause and if the conditions
1967 specified in paragraph (a) are satisfied.

1968 (2) An institutional investor that is exempt from the full
1969 application requirements under this section and that
1970 subsequently intends to influence or affect the affairs of the
1971 issuer must first notify the commission of its intent and file
1972 an application containing all of the information that would have
1973 been required of the institutional investor in the application
1974 for a resort license. The commission may deny the application if
1975 it determines that granting the application will impair the
1976 financial stability of the licensee or impair the ability of the
1977 licensee to comply with its development plans or other plans
1978 submitted to the commission by the applicant or licensee.

1979 (3) An applicant for a license or a resort licensee or
1980 affiliate shall immediately notify the commission of any
1981 information concerning an institutional investor holding its
1982 equity or debt securities which may disqualify an institutional
1983 investor from having a direct or indirect interest in the
1984 applicant or licensee, and the commission may require the
1985 institutional investor to file all information that would have
1986 been required of the institutional investor in the application
1987 for a license.

1988 (4) If the commission finds that an institutional investor

1989 that is a qualifier fails to comply with the requirements of
 1990 subsection (1) or, if at any time the commission finds that by
 1991 reason of the extent or nature of its holdings an institutional
 1992 investor is in a position to exercise a substantial impact upon
 1993 the controlling interests of a licensee, the commission may
 1994 require the institutional investor to file an application
 1995 containing all of information that would have been required of
 1996 the institutional investor in the application for a license.

1997 (5) Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(b), an institutional
 1998 investor may vote on all matters that are put to the vote of the
 1999 outstanding security holders of the applicant or licensee.

2000 Section 25. Section 551.313, Florida Statutes, is created
 2001 to read:

2002 551.313 Lenders and underwriters; exemption as
 2003 qualifiers.—A bank, lending institution, or underwriter in
 2004 connection with any bank or lending institution that, in the
 2005 ordinary course of business, makes a loan to, or holds a
 2006 security interest in, a licensee or applicant, a supplier
 2007 licensee or applicant or its subsidiary, or direct or indirect
 2008 parent company of any such bank, lending institution, or
 2009 underwriter is not a qualifier and is not required to be
 2010 licensed.

2011 Section 26. Section 551.314, Florida Statutes, is created
 2012 to read:

2013 551.314 Conditions for a resort license.—As a condition to
 2014 licensure and to maintain continuing authority, a resort
 2015 licensee must:

2016 (1) Comply with this part and the rules of the department.

2017 (2) Allow the department and the Department of Law
 2018 Enforcement unrestricted access to and right of inspection of
 2019 facilities of the licensee in which any activity relative to the
 2020 conduct of gaming is conducted.

2021 (3) Complete the resort in accordance with the plans and
 2022 timeframe proposed to the commission in its application, unless
 2023 an extension is granted by the commission. The commission may
 2024 grant such an extension, not to exceed 1 year after the original
 2025 planned completion date, upon good cause shown by the licensee.

2026 (4) Ensure that the facilities-based computer system that
 2027 the licensee will use for operational and accounting functions
 2028 of the facility is specifically structured to facilitate
 2029 regulatory oversight. The facilities-based computer system shall
 2030 be designed to provide the department and the Department of Law
 2031 Enforcement with the ability to monitor, at any time on a real-
 2032 time basis, the wagering patterns, payouts, tax collection, and
 2033 such other operations as necessary to determine whether the
 2034 facility is in compliance with statutory provisions and rules
 2035 adopted by the department for the regulation and control of
 2036 gaming. The department and the Department of Law Enforcement
 2037 shall have complete and continuous access to this system. Such
 2038 access shall include the ability of either the department or the
 2039 Department of Law Enforcement to suspend play immediately on
 2040 particular slot machines or gaming devices if monitoring of the
 2041 system indicates possible tampering or manipulation of those
 2042 slot machines or gaming devices or the ability to suspend play
 2043 immediately of the entire operation if the tampering or
 2044 manipulation is of the computer system itself. The computer

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2045 system shall be reviewed and approved by the department to
2046 ensure necessary access, security, and functionality. However,
2047 neither the commission nor the Department of Law Enforcement
2048 shall have the ability to alter any data. The department may
2049 adopt rules to provide for the approval process.

2050 (5) Ensure that each game, slot machine, or other gaming
2051 device is protected from manipulation or tampering that may
2052 affect the random probabilities of winning plays. The department
2053 or the Department of Law Enforcement may suspend play upon
2054 reasonable suspicion of any manipulation or tampering. If play
2055 has been suspended on any game, slot machine, or other gaming
2056 device, the department or the Department of Law Enforcement may
2057 conduct an examination to determine whether the game, machine,
2058 or other gaming device has been tampered with or manipulated and
2059 whether the game, machine, or other gaming device should be
2060 returned to operation.

2061 (6) Submit a security plan, including the facilities'
2062 floor plans, the locations of security cameras, and a listing of
2063 all security equipment that is capable of observing and
2064 electronically recording activities being conducted in the
2065 facilities of the licensee. The security plan must meet the
2066 minimum security requirements as determined by the department
2067 and be implemented before the operation of gaming. The
2068 licensee's facilities must adhere to the security plan at all
2069 times. Any changes to the security plan must be submitted by the
2070 licensee to the department prior to implementation. The
2071 department shall furnish copies of the security plan and changes
2072 in the plan to the Department of Law Enforcement.

2073 (7) Create and file with the commission a written policy
 2074 for:

2075 (a) Creating opportunities to purchase from vendors in
 2076 this state.

2077 (b) Creating opportunities for the employment of residents
 2078 of this state.

2079 (c) Ensuring opportunities for obtaining construction
 2080 services from residents and vendors in this state.

2081 (d) Ensuring that opportunities for employment are offered
 2082 on an equal, nondiscriminatory basis.

2083 (e) Training employees on responsible gaming and working
 2084 with a compulsive or addictive gambling prevention program.

2085 (f) Implementing a drug-testing program for each
 2086 occupational licensee that includes, but is not limited to,
 2087 requiring such person to sign an agreement that he or she
 2088 understands that the resort is a drug-free workplace.

2089 (g) Using the Internet-based job-listing system of the
 2090 Department of Economic Opportunity in advertising employment
 2091 opportunities.

2092 (h) Ensuring that the payout percentage of each slot
 2093 machine is at least 85 percent.

2094 (8) File with the department detailed documentation of the
 2095 applicant's, its affiliates', or any holding company's history
 2096 of using labor in any jurisdiction that would fall outside of
 2097 ages defined in chapter 450.

2098 (9) Keep and maintain permanent daily records of its
 2099 limited gaming operations and maintain such records for a period
 2100 of not less than 5 years. These records must include all

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2101 financial transactions and contain sufficient detail to
2102 determine compliance with the requirements of this part. All
2103 records shall be available for audit and inspection by the
2104 department, the Department of Law Enforcement, or other law
2105 enforcement agencies during the resort licensee's regular
2106 business hours.

2107 Section 27. Section 551.315, Florida Statutes, is created
2108 to read:

2109 551.315 Surety bond.—A destination resort licensee must,
2110 at its own cost and expense, before the license is delivered,
2111 give a bond in the penal sum to be determined by the department
2112 payable to the Governor of the state and his or her successors
2113 in office. The bond must be issued by a surety or sureties
2114 approved by the department and the Chief Financial Officer and
2115 the bond must be conditioned on the licensee faithfully making
2116 the required payments to the Chief Financial Officer in his or
2117 her capacity as treasurer of the commission, keeping the
2118 licensee's books and records and make reports as provided, and
2119 conducting its limited gaming activities in conformity with this
2120 part. The department shall fix the amount of the bond at the
2121 total amount of annual license fees and the taxes estimated to
2122 become due as determined by the department. In lieu of a bond,
2123 an applicant or licensee may deposit with the department a like
2124 amount of funds, a savings certificate, a certificate of
2125 deposit, an investment certificate, or a letter of credit from a
2126 bank, savings bank, credit union, or savings and loan
2127 association situated in this state which meets the requirements
2128 set for that purpose by the Chief Financial Officer. If security

2129 is provided in the form of a savings certificate, a certificate
 2130 of deposit, or an investment certificate, the certificate must
 2131 state that the amount is unavailable for withdrawal except upon
 2132 order of the department. The department may review the bond or
 2133 other security for adequacy and require adjustments, including
 2134 increasing the amount of the bond and other security. The
 2135 department may adopt rules to administer this section and
 2136 establish guidelines for such bonds or other securities.

2137 Section 28. Section 551.316, Florida Statutes, is created
 2138 to read:

2139 551.316 Conduct of limited gaming.—

2140 (1) Limited gaming may be conducted by a resort licensee,
 2141 subject to the following:

2142 (a) The site of the limited gaming facility is limited to
 2143 the resort licensee's site location as approved by the
 2144 commission.

2145 (b) The department's agents and employees may enter and
 2146 inspect a limited gaming facility or other facilities relating
 2147 to a resort licensee's gaming operations at any time for the
 2148 purpose of determining whether the licensee is in compliance
 2149 with this part.

2150 (c) A resort licensee may lease or purchase gaming
 2151 devices, equipment, or supplies customarily used in conducting
 2152 gaming only from a licensed supplier.

2153 (d) A resort licensee may not permit any form of wagering
 2154 on games except as permitted by this part.

2155 (e) A resort licensee may receive wagers only from a
 2156 person present in the limited gaming facility.

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2157 (f) A resort licensee may not permit wagering using money
2158 or other negotiable currency except for wagering on slot
2159 machines.

2160 (g) A resort licensee may not permit a person who has not
2161 attained 21 years of age to engage in gaming activity or remain
2162 in an area of a limited gaming facility where gaming is being
2163 conducted, except for a limited gaming employee of the resort
2164 licensee who is at least 18 years of age.

2165 (h) A resort licensee may not sell or distribute tokens,
2166 chips, or electronic cards used to make wagers outside the
2167 limited gaming facility. The tokens, chips, or electronic cards
2168 may be purchased by means of an agreement under which the
2169 licensee extends credit to a wagerer. The tokens, chips, or
2170 electronic cards may be used only for the purpose of making
2171 wagers on games within a limited gaming facility.

2172 (i) A resort licensee may not conduct business with a
2173 junket enterprise, except for a junket operator employed full
2174 time by that licensee.

2175 (j) All gaming activities must be conducted in accordance
2176 with department rules.

2177 (k) Limited gaming may not be conducted by a resort
2178 licensee until the resort is completed according to the proposal
2179 approved by the commission.

2180 (2) A limited gaming facility may operate 24 hours per
2181 day, every day of the year.

2182 (3) A resort licensee may set the minimum and maximum
2183 wagers on all games.

2184 (4) A resort licensee shall give preference in employment,

2185 reemployment, promotion, and retention to veterans and to the
 2186 persons included under s. 295.07(1) who possess the minimum
 2187 qualifications necessary to perform the duties of the positions
 2188 involved.

2189 (5) A resort licensee, its affiliates, directors, and
 2190 employees shall be subject to all applicable federal, state, and
 2191 local laws. Such licensees, affiliates, directors, and employees
 2192 shall subject themselves to jurisdiction of the Federal
 2193 Government and the government of this state and acceptance of a
 2194 license shall be considered an affirmative waiver of extradition
 2195 to the United States from a foreign country.

2196 (6) The department shall renew a resort license if:

2197 (a) The licensee has demonstrated an effort to increase
 2198 tourism, generate jobs, provide revenue to the local economy,
 2199 and provide revenue to the state General Revenue Fund.

2200 (b) The department has not suspended or revoked the
 2201 license of the licensee.

2202 (c) The licensee continues to satisfy all the requirements
 2203 of the initial application for licensure.

2204 Section 29. Section 551.318, Florida Statutes, is created
 2205 to read:

2206 551.318 License fee; tax rate; disposition.—

2207 (1) LICENSE FEE.—On the anniversary date of the issuance
 2208 of the initial resort license and annually thereafter, the
 2209 licensee must pay to the department a nonrefundable annual
 2210 license fee of \$2 million. The license shall be renewed
 2211 annually, unless the department has revoked the license for a
 2212 violation of this part or rule of the department. The license

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2213 fee shall be deposited into the Destination Resort Trust Fund to
 2214 be used by the department and the Department of Law Enforcement
 2215 for investigations, regulation of limited gaming, and
 2216 enforcement of this part.

2217 (2) GROSS RECEIPTS TAX.—

2218 (a) Each resort licensee shall pay a gross receipts tax on
 2219 its gross receipts to the state. Upon completion of the resort
 2220 and before limited gaming may be conducted, the resort licensee
 2221 must submit proof, as required by the commission, of the total
 2222 investment made in the construction of the resort. Upon
 2223 submission of this information, the gross receipts tax rate
 2224 shall be 10 percent of the gross receipts.

2225 (b) The gross receipts tax is in lieu of any other state
 2226 taxes on gross or adjusted gross receipts of a resort licensee.

2227 (3) TAX PROCEEDS.—

2228 (a) The gross receipts tax shall be deposited into the
 2229 Destination Resort Trust Fund and shall be used to fund the
 2230 operating costs of the department pursuant to appropriations by
 2231 the Legislature.

2232 (b) On June 30 of each year, all unappropriated funds in
 2233 excess of \$5 million shall be deposited into the General Revenue
 2234 Fund.

2235 Section 30. Section 551.319, Florida Statutes, is created
 2236 to read:

2237 551.319 Fingerprint requirements.—Any fingerprints
 2238 required to be taken under this part must be taken in a manner
 2239 approved by, and shall be submitted electronically by the
 2240 department to, the Department of Law Enforcement. The Department

2241 of Law Enforcement shall submit the results of the state and
 2242 national records check to the department. The department shall
 2243 consider the results of the state and national records check in
 2244 evaluating an application for any license.

2245 (1) The cost of processing fingerprints and conducting a
 2246 criminal history record check shall be borne by the applicant.
 2247 The Department of Law Enforcement may submit a monthly invoice
 2248 to the department for the cost of processing the fingerprints
 2249 submitted.

2250 (2) All fingerprints submitted to the Department of Law
 2251 Enforcement pursuant to this part shall be retained by the
 2252 Department of Law Enforcement and entered into the statewide
 2253 automated fingerprint identification system as authorized by s.
 2254 943.05(2) (b) and shall be available for all purposes and uses
 2255 authorized for arrest fingerprint cards entered into the
 2256 statewide automated fingerprint identification system pursuant
 2257 to s. 943.051.

2258 (3) The Department of Law Enforcement shall search all
 2259 arrest fingerprints received pursuant to s. 943.051, against the
 2260 fingerprints retained in the statewide automated fingerprint
 2261 identification system. Any arrest record that is identified with
 2262 the retained fingerprints of a person subject to the criminal
 2263 history screening under this part shall be reported to the
 2264 department. Each licensee shall pay a fee to the department for
 2265 the cost of retention of the fingerprints and the ongoing
 2266 searches under this subsection. The department shall forward the
 2267 payment to the Department of Law Enforcement. The amount of the
 2268 fee to be imposed for performing these searches and the

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2269 procedures for the retention of licensee fingerprints shall be
 2270 as established by rule of the Department of Law Enforcement. The
 2271 department shall inform the Department of Law Enforcement of any
 2272 change in the license status of licensees whose fingerprints are
 2273 retained under subsection (2).

2274 (4) The department shall request the Department of Law
 2275 Enforcement to forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of
 2276 Investigation for a national criminal history records check
 2277 every 3 years following issuance of a license. If the
 2278 fingerprints of a person who is licensed have not been retained
 2279 by the Department of Law Enforcement, the person must file
 2280 another set of fingerprints. The department shall collect the
 2281 fees for the cost of the national criminal history record check
 2282 under this subsection and shall forward the payment to the
 2283 Department of Law Enforcement. The cost of processing
 2284 fingerprints and conducting a criminal history record check
 2285 under this subsection shall be borne by the licensee or
 2286 applicant. The Department of Law Enforcement may submit an
 2287 invoice to the department for the fingerprints submitted each
 2288 month. Under penalty of perjury, each person who is licensed or
 2289 who is fingerprinted as required by this section must agree to
 2290 inform the department within 48 hours if he or she is convicted
 2291 of or has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to any
 2292 disqualifying offense, regardless of adjudication.

2293 Section 31. Section 551.321, Florida Statutes, is created
 2294 to read:

2295 551.321 Supplier licenses.—

2296 (1) A person must have a supplier license in order to

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2297 furnish on a regular or continuing basis to a resort licensee or
 2298 an applicant for a resort license gaming equipment, devices, or
 2299 supplies or other goods or services regarding the operation of
 2300 limited gaming at the facility.

2301 (2) An applicant for a supplier license must apply to the
 2302 department on forms adopted by the department by rule. The
 2303 licensing fee for the initial and annual renewal of the license
 2304 shall be a scale of fees determined by rule of the commission
 2305 based on the type of service provided by the supplier but may
 2306 not exceed \$25,000.

2307 (3) An applicant for a supplier license must include in
 2308 the application the fingerprints of the persons identified by
 2309 department rule for the processing of state and national
 2310 criminal history record checks.

2311 (4) (a) An applicant for a supplier license is not eligible
 2312 for licensure if:

2313 1. A person for whom fingerprinting is required under
 2314 subsection (3) has been convicted of a felony under the laws of
 2315 this state, any other state, or the United States;

2316 2. The applicant knowingly submitted false information in
 2317 the application for a supplier license;

2318 3. The applicant is a member of the commission or an
 2319 employee of the department;

2320 4. The applicant is not a natural person and an officer,
 2321 director, or managerial employee of that person is a person
 2322 described in subparagraphs 1.-3.;

2323 5. The applicant is not a natural person and an employee
 2324 of the applicant participates in the management or operation of

2325 limited gaming authorized under this part; or
 2326 6. The applicant has had a license to own or operate a
 2327 resort facility or pari-mutuel facility in this state, or a
 2328 similar license in any other jurisdiction, revoked.
 2329 (b) The department may revoke a supplier license at any
 2330 time it determines that the licensee no longer satisfies the
 2331 eligibility requirements in this subsection.
 2332 (5) The department may deny an application for a supplier
 2333 license for any person who:
 2334 (a) Is not qualified to perform the duties required of a
 2335 licensee;
 2336 (b) Fails to disclose information or knowingly submits
 2337 false information in the application;
 2338 (c) Has violated this part or rules of the department; or
 2339 (d) Has had a gaming-related license or application
 2340 suspended, restricted, revoked, or denied for misconduct in any
 2341 other jurisdiction.
 2342 (6) A supplier licensee shall:
 2343 (a) Furnish to the department a list of all gaming
 2344 equipment, devices, and supplies it offers for sale or lease in
 2345 connection with limited gaming authorized in this part;
 2346 (b) Keep books and records documenting the furnishing of
 2347 gaming equipment, devices, and supplies to resort licensees
 2348 separate and distinct from any other business that the supplier
 2349 operates;
 2350 (c) File quarterly returns with the department listing all
 2351 sales or leases of gaming equipment, devices, or supplies to
 2352 resort licensees;

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2353 (d) Permanently affix its name to all gaming equipment,
2354 devices, or supplies sold or leased to licensees; and

2355 (e) File an annual report listing its inventories of
2356 gaming equipment, devices, and supplies, including the locations
2357 of such equipment.

2358 (7) All gaming devices, equipment, or supplies furnished
2359 by a licensed supplier must conform to standards adopted by
2360 department rule.

2361 (8) (a) The department may suspend, revoke, or restrict the
2362 supplier license of a licensee who:

2363 1. Violates this part or the rules of the department; or
2364 2. Defaults on the payment of any obligation or debt due
2365 to this state or a county.

2366 (b) The department must revoke the supplier license of a
2367 licensee for any cause that, if known to the department, would
2368 have disqualified the applicant from receiving a license.

2369 (9) A supplier licensee may repair gaming equipment,
2370 devices, or supplies in a facility owned or leased by the
2371 licensee.

2372 (10) Gaming devices, equipment, or supplies owned by a
2373 supplier licensee which are used in an unauthorized gaming
2374 operation shall be forfeited to the county where the equipment
2375 is found.

2376 (11) The department may revoke the license or deny the
2377 application for a supplier license of a person who fails to
2378 comply with this section.

2379 (12) A person who knowingly makes a false statement on an
2380 application for a supplier license commits a misdemeanor of the

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2381 first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
 2382 775.083.

2383 Section 32. Section 551.322, Florida Statutes, is created
 2384 to read:

2385 551.322 Occupational licenses.—

2386 (1) The Legislature finds that, due to the nature of their
 2387 employment, some gaming employees require heightened state
 2388 scrutiny, including licensing and criminal history record
 2389 checks.

2390 (2) Any person who desires to be a gaming employee and has
 2391 a bona fide offer of employment from a licensed gaming entity
 2392 shall apply to the department for an occupational license. A
 2393 person may not be employed as a gaming employee unless that
 2394 person holds an appropriate occupational license issued under
 2395 this section. The department may adopt rules to reclassify a
 2396 category of nongaming employees or gaming employees upon a
 2397 finding that the reclassification is in the public interest and
 2398 consistent with the objectives of this part.

2399 (3) An applicant for an occupational license must apply to
 2400 the department on forms adopted by the department by rule. An
 2401 occupational license is valid for 4 years following issuance.
 2402 The application must be accompanied by the licensing fee set by
 2403 the department. The licensing fee may not exceed \$250 for an
 2404 employee of a resort licensee.

2405 (a) The applicant shall set forth in the application
 2406 whether the applicant:

2407 1. Has been issued a gaming-related license in any
 2408 jurisdiction.

2409 2. Has been issued a gaming-related license in any other
 2410 jurisdiction under any other name and, if so, the name and the
 2411 applicant's age at the time of licensure.

2412 3. Has had a permit or license issued by another
 2413 jurisdiction suspended, restricted, or revoked and, if so, for
 2414 what period of time.

2415 (b) An applicant for an occupational license must include
 2416 his or her fingerprints in the application.

2417 (4) To be eligible for an occupational license, an
 2418 applicant must:

2419 (a) Be at least 21 years of age to perform any function
 2420 directly relating to limited gaming by patrons;

2421 (b) Be at least 18 years of age to perform nongaming
 2422 functions;

2423 (c) Not have been convicted of a felony or a crime
 2424 involving dishonesty or moral turpitude in any jurisdiction; and

2425 (d) Meet the standards for the occupational license as
 2426 provided in department rules.

2427 (5) The department must deny an application for an
 2428 occupational license for any person who:

2429 (a) Is not qualified to perform the duties required of a
 2430 licensee;

2431 (b) Fails to disclose or knowingly submits false
 2432 information in the application;

2433 (c) Has violated this part; or

2434 (d) Has had a gaming-related license or application
 2435 suspended, revoked, or denied in any other jurisdiction.

2436 (6) (a) The department may suspend, revoke, or restrict the

2437 occupational license of a licensee:

2438 1. Who violates this part or the rules of the department;

2439 2. Who defaults on the payment of any obligation or debt
 2440 due to this state or a county; or

2441 3. For any just cause.

2442 (b) The department shall revoke the occupational license
 2443 of a licensee for any cause that, if known to the department,
 2444 would have disqualified the applicant from receiving a license.

2445 (7) Any training provided for an occupational licensee may
 2446 be conducted in the facility of a resort licensee or at a school
 2447 with which the resort licensee has entered into an agreement for
 2448 that purpose.

2449 (8) A licensed travel agent whose commission or
 2450 compensation from a licensee is derived solely from the price of
 2451 the transportation or lodging arranged for by the travel agent
 2452 is not required to have an occupational license.

2453 (9) A person who knowingly makes a false statement on an
 2454 application for an occupational license commits a misdemeanor of
 2455 the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
 2456 775.083.

2457 Section 33. Section 551.323, Florida Statutes, is created
 2458 to read:

2459 551.323 Temporary supplier license; temporary occupational
 2460 license.—

2461 (1) Upon the written request of an applicant for a
 2462 supplier license or an occupational license, the executive
 2463 director shall issue a temporary license to the applicant and
 2464 permit the applicant to undertake employment with or provide

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2465 gaming equipment, devices, or supplies or other goods or
2466 services to a resort licensee or an applicant for a resort
2467 license if:

2468 (a) The applicant has submitted a completed application,
2469 an application fee, all required disclosure forms, and other
2470 required written documentation and materials;

2471 (b) A preliminary review of the application and the
2472 criminal history record check does not reveal that the applicant
2473 or a person subject to a criminal history record check has been
2474 convicted of a crime that would require denial of the
2475 application;

2476 (c) A deficiency does not appear to exist in the
2477 application which may require denial of the application; and

2478 (d) The applicant has an offer of employment from, or an
2479 agreement to begin providing gaming devices, equipment, or
2480 supplies or other goods and services to, a resort licensee or an
2481 applicant for a resort license, or the applicant for a temporary
2482 license shows good cause for being granted a temporary license.

2483 (2) An initial temporary occupational license or
2484 supplier's license may not be valid for more than 90 days;
2485 however, a temporary occupational license may be renewed one
2486 time for an additional 90 days.

2487 (3) An applicant who receives a temporary license may
2488 undertake employment with or supply a resort licensee with
2489 gaming devices, equipment, or supplies or other goods or
2490 services until a license is issued or denied or until the
2491 temporary license expires or is suspended or revoked.

2492 Section 34. Section 551.325, Florida Statutes, is created

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2493 to read:

2494 551.325 Quarterly report.—The commission shall file
 2495 quarterly reports with the Governor, the President of the
 2496 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives covering
 2497 the previous fiscal quarter. Each report must include:

2498 (1) A statement of receipts and disbursements related to
 2499 limited gaming.

2500 (2) A summary of disciplinary actions taken by the
 2501 department.

2502 (3) Any additional information and recommendations that
 2503 the department believes may improve the regulation of limited
 2504 gaming or increase the economic benefits of limited gaming to
 2505 this state.

2506 Section 35. Section 551.327, Florida Statutes, is created
 2507 to read:

2508 551.327 Resolution of disputes between licensees and
 2509 wagerers.—

2510 (1) (a) The licensee must immediately notify the department
 2511 of a dispute whenever a resort licensee has a dispute with a
 2512 wagerer which is not resolved to the satisfaction of the patron
 2513 if the amount disputed is \$500 or more and involves:

2514 1. Alleged winnings, alleged losses, or the award or
 2515 distribution of cash, prizes, benefits, tickets, or any other
 2516 item or items in a game, tournament, contest, drawing,
 2517 promotion, race, or similar activity or event; or

2518 2. The manner in which a game, tournament, contest,
 2519 drawing, promotion, race, or similar activity or event was
 2520 conducted.

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2521 (b) If the dispute involves an amount less than \$500, the
2522 licensee must immediately notify the wagerer of his or her right
2523 to file a complaint with the department.

2524 (2) Upon notice of a dispute or receipt of a complaint,
2525 the department shall conduct any investigation it deems
2526 necessary and may order the licensee to make a payment to the
2527 wagerer upon a finding that the licensee is liable for the
2528 disputed amount. The decision of the department is effective on
2529 the date the aggrieved party receives notice of the decision.
2530 Notice of the decision is deemed sufficient if it is mailed to
2531 the last known address of the licensee and the wagerer. The
2532 notice is deemed to have been received by the resort licensee or
2533 the wagerer 5 days after it is deposited with the United States
2534 Postal Service with postage prepaid.

2535 (3) The failure of a resort licensee to notify the
2536 department of the dispute or the wagerer of the right to file a
2537 complaint is grounds for disciplinary action.

2538 (4) Gaming-related disputes may only be resolved by the
2539 department and are not under the jurisdiction of state courts.

2540 (5) This section may not be construed to deny a wagerer an
2541 opportunity to make a claim in state court for nongaming-related
2542 issues.

2543 Section 36. Section 551.328, Florida Statutes, is created
2544 to read:

2545 551.328 Enforcement of credit instruments.—

2546 (1) A credit instrument and the debt that instrument
2547 represents are valid and may be enforced by legal process.

2548 (2) A resort licensee may accept an incomplete credit

2549 instrument that is signed by the patron and states the amount of
 2550 the debt in numbers and may complete the instrument as is
 2551 necessary for the instrument to be presented for payment.

2552 (3) A resort licensee may accept a credit instrument that
 2553 is payable to an affiliate or may complete a credit instrument
 2554 payable to an affiliate if the credit instrument otherwise
 2555 complies with this section and the records of the affiliate
 2556 pertaining to the credit instrument are made available to the
 2557 department upon request.

2558 (4) A resort licensee may accept a credit instrument
 2559 before, during, or after the patron incurs the debt. The credit
 2560 instrument and the debt that the instrument represents are
 2561 enforceable without regard to whether the credit instrument was
 2562 accepted before, during, or after the incurring of the debt.

2563 (5) This section does not prohibit the establishment of an
 2564 account by a deposit of cash, recognized traveler's check, or
 2565 any other instrument that is equivalent to cash.

2566 (6) If a credit instrument is lost or destroyed, the debt
 2567 represented by the credit instrument may be enforced if the
 2568 resort licensee or person acting on behalf of the licensee can
 2569 prove the existence of the credit instrument.

2570 (7) The existence of a mental disorder in a patron who
 2571 provides a credit instrument to a resort licensee:

2572 (a) Is not a defense in any action by a resort licensee to
 2573 enforce a credit instrument or the debt that the credit
 2574 instrument represents.

2575 (b) Is not a valid counterclaim in an action to enforce
 2576 the credit instrument or the debt that the credit instrument

2577 represents.

2578 (8) The failure of a resort licensee to comply with this
 2579 section or department rules does not invalidate a credit
 2580 instrument or affect its ability to enforce the credit
 2581 instrument or the debt that the credit instrument represents.

2582 (9) The department may adopt rules prescribing the
 2583 conditions under which a credit instrument may be redeemed or
 2584 presented to a bank, credit union, or other financial
 2585 institution for collection or payment.

2586 (10) A violation of these regulatory requirements only
 2587 states a basis for disciplinary action for the commission.

2588 Section 37. Section 551.330, Florida Statutes, is created
 2589 to read:

2590 551.330 Compulsive or addictive gambling prevention
 2591 program.—

2592 (1) A resort licensee shall offer training to employees on
 2593 responsible gaming and shall work with a compulsive or addictive
 2594 gambling prevention program to recognize problem gaming
 2595 situations and to implement responsible gaming programs and
 2596 practices.

2597 (2) The department shall, subject to competitive bidding,
 2598 contract for services relating to the prevention of compulsive
 2599 and addictive gambling. The contract shall provide for an
 2600 advertising program to encourage responsible gaming practices
 2601 and to publicize a gambling telephone help line. Such
 2602 advertisements must be made both publicly and inside the
 2603 resort's limited gaming facility. The terms of any contract for
 2604 such services shall include accountability standards that must

2605 be met by any private provider. The failure of a private
 2606 provider to meet any material terms of the contract, including
 2607 the accountability standards, constitutes a breach of contract
 2608 or is grounds for nonrenewal. The department may consult with
 2609 the Department of the Lottery or the Department of Business and
 2610 Professional Regulation in the development of the program and
 2611 the development and analysis of any procurement for contractual
 2612 services for the compulsive or addictive gambling prevention
 2613 program.

2614 (3) The compulsive or addictive gambling prevention
 2615 program shall be funded from an annual nonrefundable regulatory
 2616 fee of \$250,000 paid by each resort licensee to the department.

2617 Section 38. Section 551.331, Florida Statutes, is created
 2618 to read:

2619 551.331 Voluntary self-exclusion from a limited gaming
 2620 facility.-

2621 (1) A person may request that he or she be excluded from
 2622 limited gaming facilities in this state by personally submitting
 2623 a Request for Voluntary Self-exclusion from Limited Gaming
 2624 Facilities Form to the department. The form must require the
 2625 person requesting exclusion to:

2626 (a) State his or her:

- 2627 1. Name, including any aliases or nicknames;
- 2628 2. Date of birth;
- 2629 3. Current residential address;
- 2630 4. Telephone number;
- 2631 5. Social security number; and
- 2632 6. Physical description, including height, weight, gender,

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2633 hair color, eye color, and any other physical characteristic
 2634 that may assist in the identification of the person.

2636 A self-excluded person must update the information in this
 2637 paragraph on forms supplied by the department within 30 days
 2638 after any change.

2639 (b) Select one of the following as the duration of the
 2640 self-exclusion:

- 2641 1. One year.
- 2642 2. Five years.
- 2643 3. Lifetime.

2644 (c) Execute a release in which the person:

- 2645 1. Acknowledges that the request for exclusion has been
 2646 made voluntarily.
- 2647 2. Certifies that the information provided in the request
 2648 for self-exclusion is true and correct.
- 2649 3. Acknowledges that the individual requesting self-
 2650 exclusion is a problem gambler.
- 2651 4. Acknowledges that a person requesting a lifetime
 2652 exclusion will not be removed from the self-exclusion list and
 2653 that a person requesting a 1-year or 5-year exclusion will
 2654 remain on the self-exclusion list until a request for removal is
 2655 approved by the department.
- 2656 5. Acknowledges that, if the individual is discovered on
 2657 the gaming floor of a limited gaming facility, the individual
 2658 may be removed and may be arrested and prosecuted for criminal
 2659 trespass.
- 2660 6. Releases, indemnifies, holds harmless, and forever

2661 discharges the state, department, and all licensee from any
 2662 claims, damages, losses, expenses, or liability arising out of,
 2663 by reason of or relating to the self-excluded person or to any
 2664 other party for any harm, monetary or otherwise, which may arise
 2665 as a result of one or more of the following:

2666 a. The failure of a resort licensee to withhold gaming
 2667 privileges from or restore gaming privileges to a self-excluded
 2668 person.

2669 b. Permitting or prohibiting a self-excluded person from
 2670 engaging in gaming activity in a limited gaming facility.

2671 (2) A person submitting a self-exclusion request must
 2672 present to the department a government-issued form of
 2673 identification containing the person's signature.

2674 (3) The department shall take a photograph of a person
 2675 requesting self-exclusion at the time the person submits a
 2676 request for self-exclusion.

2677 Section 39. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
 2678 561.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2679 561.20 Limitation upon number of licenses issued.—

2680 (2) (a) No such limitation of the number of licenses as
 2681 herein provided shall henceforth prohibit the issuance of a
 2682 special license to:

2683 1. Any bona fide hotel, motel, or motor court of not fewer
 2684 than 80 guest rooms in any county having a population of less
 2685 than 50,000 residents, and of not fewer than 100 guest rooms in
 2686 any county having a population of 50,000 residents or greater;
 2687 or any bona fide hotel or motel located in a historic structure,
 2688 as defined in s. 561.01(21), with fewer than 100 guest rooms

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2689 | which derives at least 51 percent of its gross revenue from the
2690 | rental of hotel or motel rooms, which is licensed as a public
2691 | lodging establishment by the Division of Hotels and Restaurants;
2692 | provided, however, that a bona fide hotel or motel with no fewer
2693 | than 10 and no more than 25 guest rooms which is a historic
2694 | structure, as defined in s. 561.01(21), in a municipality that
2695 | on the effective date of this act has a population, according to
2696 | the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business
2697 | Research Estimates of Population for 1998, of no fewer than
2698 | 25,000 and no more than 35,000 residents and that is within a
2699 | constitutionally chartered county may be issued a special
2700 | license. This special license shall allow the sale and
2701 | consumption of alcoholic beverages only on the licensed premises
2702 | of the hotel or motel. In addition, the hotel or motel must
2703 | derive at least 60 percent of its gross revenue from the rental
2704 | of hotel or motel rooms and the sale of food and nonalcoholic
2705 | beverages; provided that the provisions of this subparagraph
2706 | shall supersede local laws requiring a greater number of hotel
2707 | rooms;

2708 | 2. Any condominium accommodation of which no fewer than
2709 | 100 condominium units are wholly rentable to transients and
2710 | which is licensed under the provisions of chapter 509, except
2711 | that the license shall be issued only to the person or
2712 | corporation which operates the hotel or motel operation and not
2713 | to the association of condominium owners;

2714 | 3. Any condominium accommodation of which no fewer than 50
2715 | condominium units are wholly rentable to transients, which is
2716 | licensed under the provisions of chapter 509, and which is

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2717 | located in any county having home rule under s. 10 or s. 11,
 2718 | Art. VIII of the State Constitution of 1885, as amended, and
 2719 | incorporated by reference in s. 6(e), Art. VIII of the State
 2720 | Constitution, except that the license shall be issued only to
 2721 | the person or corporation which operates the hotel or motel
 2722 | operation and not to the association of condominium owners;

2723 | 4. Any restaurant having 2,500 square feet of service area
 2724 | and equipped to serve 150 persons full course meals at tables at
 2725 | one time, and deriving at least 51 percent of its gross revenue
 2726 | from the sale of food and nonalcoholic beverages; however, no
 2727 | restaurant granted a special license on or after January 1,
 2728 | 1958, pursuant to general or special law shall operate as a
 2729 | package store, nor shall intoxicating beverages be sold under
 2730 | such license after the hours of serving food have elapsed; or

2731 | 5. Any caterer, deriving at least 51 percent of its gross
 2732 | revenue from the sale of food and nonalcoholic beverages,
 2733 | licensed by the Division of Hotels and Restaurants under chapter
 2734 | 509. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
 2735 | a licensee under this subparagraph shall sell or serve alcoholic
 2736 | beverages only for consumption on the premises of a catered
 2737 | event at which the licensee is also providing prepared food, and
 2738 | shall prominently display its license at any catered event at
 2739 | which the caterer is selling or serving alcoholic beverages. A
 2740 | licensee under this subparagraph shall purchase all alcoholic
 2741 | beverages it sells or serves at a catered event from a vendor
 2742 | licensed under s. 563.02(1), s. 564.02(1), or licensed under s.
 2743 | 565.02(1) subject to the limitation imposed in subsection (1),
 2744 | as appropriate. A licensee under this subparagraph may not store

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2745 any alcoholic beverages to be sold or served at a catered event.
2746 Any alcoholic beverages purchased by a licensee under this
2747 subparagraph for a catered event that are not used at that event
2748 must remain with the customer; provided that if the vendor
2749 accepts unopened alcoholic beverages, the licensee may return
2750 such alcoholic beverages to the vendor for a credit or
2751 reimbursement. Regardless of the county or counties in which the
2752 licensee operates, a licensee under this subparagraph shall pay
2753 the annual state license tax set forth in s. 565.02(1)(b). A
2754 licensee under this subparagraph must maintain for a period of 3
2755 years all records required by the department by rule to
2756 demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this
2757 subparagraph, including licensed vendor receipts for the
2758 purchase of alcoholic beverages and records identifying each
2759 customer and the location and date of each catered event.
2760 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any vendor
2761 licensed under s. 565.02(1) subject to the limitation imposed in
2762 subsection (1), may, without any additional licensure under this
2763 subparagraph, serve or sell alcoholic beverages for consumption
2764 on the premises of a catered event at which prepared food is
2765 provided by a caterer licensed under chapter 509. If a licensee
2766 under this subparagraph also possesses any other license under
2767 the Beverage Law, the license issued under this subparagraph
2768 shall not authorize the holder to conduct activities on the
2769 premises to which the other license or licenses apply that would
2770 otherwise be prohibited by the terms of that license or the
2771 Beverage Law. Nothing in this section shall permit the licensee
2772 to conduct activities that are otherwise prohibited by the

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2773 Beverage Law or local law. The Division of Alcoholic Beverages
 2774 and Tobacco is hereby authorized to adopt rules to administer
 2775 the license created in this subparagraph, to include rules
 2776 governing licensure, recordkeeping, and enforcement. The first
 2777 \$300,000 in fees collected by the division each fiscal year
 2778 pursuant to this subparagraph shall be deposited in the
 2779 Department of Children and Family Services' Operations and
 2780 Maintenance Trust Fund to be used only for alcohol and drug
 2781 abuse education, treatment, and prevention programs. The
 2782 remainder of the fees collected shall be deposited into the
 2783 Hotel and Restaurant Trust Fund created pursuant to s. 509.072.

2784 6. Any destination resort licensed by the State Gaming
 2785 Commission under chapter 551. Notwithstanding any other
 2786 provision of law to the contrary, a licensee under this
 2787 subparagraph may sell or serve alcoholic beverages only for
 2788 consumption on the premises. A licensee under this subparagraph
 2789 shall purchase all alcoholic beverages from a supplier licensed
 2790 under s. 551.321 or s. 551.323. Regardless of the county or
 2791 counties in which the licensee operates, a licensee under this
 2792 subparagraph shall pay an annual state license tax of \$50,000,
 2793 the proceeds of which shall be deposited into the Destination
 2794 Resort Trust Fund of the Department of Gaming Control. This
 2795 subparagraph expressly preempts the regulation of alcoholic
 2796 beverages at destination resorts licensed by the State Gaming
 2797 Commission to the state and supersedes any municipal or county
 2798 ordinance on the subject. Notwithstanding any other law or local
 2799 law or ordinance to the contrary, a licensee under this
 2800 subparagraph may serve alcoholic beverages 24 hours per day,

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2801 every day of the year. This subparagraph does not permit the
 2802 licensee to conduct activities that are otherwise prohibited by
 2803 the Beverage Law. The State Gaming Commission shall adopt rules
 2804 to implement this subparagraph, including, but not limited to,
 2805 rules governing licensure, recordkeeping, and enforcement. A
 2806 licensee under this subparagraph must maintain for a period of 3
 2807 years all records required by the State Gaming Commission by
 2808 rule to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this
 2809 subparagraph, including licensed supplier receipts for the
 2810 purchase of alcoholic beverages.

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 2812 However, any license heretofore issued to any such hotel, motel,
 2813 motor court, or restaurant or hereafter issued to any such
 2814 hotel, motel, or motor court, including a condominium
 2815 accommodation, under the general law shall not be moved to a new
 2816 location, such license being valid only on the premises of such
 2817 hotel, motel, motor court, or restaurant. Licenses issued to
 2818 hotels, motels, motor courts, or restaurants under the general
 2819 law and held by such hotels, motels, motor courts, or
 2820 restaurants on May 24, 1947, shall be counted in the quota
 2821 limitation contained in subsection (1). Any license issued for
 2822 any hotel, motel, or motor court under the provisions of this
 2823 law shall be issued only to the owner of the hotel, motel, or
 2824 motor court or, in the event the hotel, motel, or motor court is
 2825 leased, to the lessee of the hotel, motel, or motor court; and
 2826 the license shall remain in the name of the owner or lessee so
 2827 long as the license is in existence. Any special license now in
 2828 existence heretofore issued under the provisions of this law

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2829 cannot be renewed except in the name of the owner of the hotel,
 2830 motel, motor court, or restaurant or, in the event the hotel,
 2831 motel, motor court, or restaurant is leased, in the name of the
 2832 lessee of the hotel, motel, motor court, or restaurant in which
 2833 the license is located and must remain in the name of the owner
 2834 or lessee so long as the license is in existence. Any license
 2835 issued under this section shall be marked "Special," and nothing
 2836 herein provided shall limit, restrict, or prevent the issuance
 2837 of a special license for any restaurant or motel which shall
 2838 hereafter meet the requirements of the law existing immediately
 2839 prior to the effective date of this act, if construction of such
 2840 restaurant has commenced prior to the effective date of this act
 2841 and is completed within 30 days thereafter, or if an application
 2842 is on file for such special license at the time this act takes
 2843 effect; and any such licenses issued under this proviso may be
 2844 annually renewed as now provided by law. Nothing herein prevents
 2845 an application for transfer of a license to a bona fide
 2846 purchaser of any hotel, motel, motor court, or restaurant by the
 2847 purchaser of such facility or the transfer of such license
 2848 pursuant to law.

2849 Section 40. Section 849.15, Florida Statutes, is amended
 2850 to read:

2851 849.15 Manufacture, sale, possession, etc., of coin-
 2852 operated devices prohibited.—

2853 (1) It is unlawful:

2854 (a) To manufacture, own, store, keep, possess, sell, rent,
 2855 lease, let on shares, lend or give away, transport, or expose
 2856 for sale or lease, or to offer to sell, rent, lease, let on

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2857 | shares, lend or give away, or permit the operation of, or for
 2858 | any person to permit to be placed, maintained, or used or kept
 2859 | in any room, space, or building owned, leased or occupied by the
 2860 | person or under the person's management or control, any slot
 2861 | machine or device or any part thereof; or

2862 | (b) To make or to permit to be made with any person any
 2863 | agreement with reference to any slot machine or device, pursuant
 2864 | to which the user thereof, as a result of any element of chance
 2865 | or other outcome unpredictable to him or her, may become
 2866 | entitled to receive any money, credit, allowance, or thing of
 2867 | value or additional chance or right to use such machine or
 2868 | device, or to receive any check, slug, token or memorandum
 2869 | entitling the holder to receive any money, credit, allowance or
 2870 | thing of value.

2871 | (2) Pursuant to section 2 of that chapter of the Congress
 2872 | of the United States entitled "An act to prohibit transportation
 2873 | of gaming devices in interstate and foreign commerce," approved
 2874 | January 2, 1951, being ch. 1194, 64 Stat. 1134, and also
 2875 | designated as 15 U.S.C. ss. 1171-1177, the State of Florida,
 2876 | acting by and through the duly elected and qualified members of
 2877 | its Legislature, does hereby in this section, and in accordance
 2878 | with and in compliance with the provisions of section 2 of such
 2879 | chapter of Congress, declare and proclaim that any county of the
 2880 | State of Florida within which slot machine gaming is authorized
 2881 | pursuant to chapter 551 is exempt from the provisions of section
 2882 | 2 of that chapter of the Congress of the United States entitled
 2883 | "An act to prohibit transportation of gaming devices in
 2884 | interstate and foreign commerce," designated as 15 U.S.C. ss.

2885 1171-1177, approved January 2, 1951. All shipments of gaming
 2886 devices, including slot machines, into any county of this state
 2887 within which slot machine gaming is authorized pursuant to
 2888 chapter 551 and the registering, recording, and labeling of
 2889 which have been duly performed by the manufacturer or
 2890 distributor thereof in accordance with sections 3 and 4 of that
 2891 chapter of the Congress of the United States entitled "An act to
 2892 prohibit transportation of gaming devices in interstate and
 2893 foreign commerce," approved January 2, 1951, being ch. 1194, 64
 2894 Stat. 1134, and also designated as 15 U.S.C. ss. 1171-1177,
 2895 shall be deemed legal shipments thereof into this state provided
 2896 the destination of such shipments is an eligible facility as
 2897 defined in s. 551.102, ~~or~~ the facility of a slot machine
 2898 manufacturer or slot machine distributor as provided in s.
 2899 551.109(2) (a), or the facility of a resort licensee or supplier
 2900 licensee under part III of chapter 551.

2901 (3) This section does not apply to slot machine licensees
 2902 authorized under part II of chapter 551 or resort licensees as
 2903 authorized under part III of chapter 551.

2904 Section 41. Section 849.231, Florida Statutes, is amended
 2905 to read:

2906 849.231 Gambling devices; manufacture, sale, purchase or
 2907 possession unlawful.—

2908 (1) Except in instances when the following described
 2909 implements or apparatus are being held or transported by
 2910 authorized persons for the purpose of destruction, as
 2911 hereinafter provided, and except in instances when the following
 2912 described instruments or apparatus are being held, sold,

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2913 transported, or manufactured by persons who have registered with
 2914 the United States Government pursuant to the provisions of Title
 2915 15 of the United States Code, ss. 1171 et seq., as amended, so
 2916 long as the described implements or apparatus are not displayed
 2917 to the general public, sold for use in Florida, or held or
 2918 manufactured in contravention of the requirements of 15 U.S.C.
 2919 ss. 1171 et seq., it shall be unlawful for any person to
 2920 manufacture, sell, transport, offer for sale, purchase, own, or
 2921 have in his or her possession any roulette wheel or table, faro
 2922 layout, crap table or layout, chemin de fer table or layout,
 2923 chuck-a-luck wheel, bird cage such as used for gambling, bolita
 2924 balls, chips with house markings, or any other device,
 2925 implement, apparatus, or paraphernalia ordinarily or commonly
 2926 used or designed to be used in the operation of gambling houses
 2927 or establishments, excepting ordinary dice and playing cards.

2928 (2) In addition to any other penalties provided for the
 2929 violation of this section, any occupational license held by a
 2930 person found guilty of violating this section shall be suspended
 2931 for a period not to exceed 5 years.

2932 (3) This section and s. 849.05 do not apply to a vessel of
 2933 foreign registry or a vessel operated under the authority of a
 2934 country except the United States, while docked in this state or
 2935 transiting in the territorial waters of this state.

2936 (4) This section does not apply to slot machine licensees
 2937 authorized under part II of chapter 551 or resort licensees as
 2938 authorized under part III of chapter 551.

2939 Section 42. Section 849.25, Florida Statutes, is amended
 2940 to read:

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2941 849.25 "Bookmaking" defined; penalties; exceptions.—

2942 (1) (a) The term "bookmaking" means the act of taking or
 2943 receiving, while engaged in the business or profession of
 2944 gambling, any bet or wager upon the result of any trial or
 2945 contest of skill, speed, power, or endurance of human, beast,
 2946 fowl, motor vehicle, or mechanical apparatus or upon the result
 2947 of any chance, casualty, unknown, or contingent event
 2948 whatsoever.

2949 (b) The following factors shall be considered in making a
 2950 determination that a person has engaged in the offense of
 2951 bookmaking:

2952 1. Taking advantage of betting odds created to produce a
 2953 profit for the bookmaker or charging a percentage on accepted
 2954 wagers.

2955 2. Placing all or part of accepted wagers with other
 2956 bookmakers to reduce the chance of financial loss.

2957 3. Taking or receiving more than five wagers in any single
 2958 day.

2959 4. Taking or receiving wagers totaling more than \$500 in
 2960 any single day, or more than \$1,500 in any single week.

2961 5. Engaging in a common scheme with two or more persons to
 2962 take or receive wagers.

2963 6. Taking or receiving wagers on both sides on a contest
 2964 at the identical point spread.

2965 7. Any other factor relevant to establishing that the
 2966 operating procedures of such person are commercial in nature.

2967 (c) The existence of any two factors listed in paragraph
 2968 (b) may constitute prima facie evidence of a commercial

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2969 | bookmaking operation.

2970 | (2) Any person who engages in bookmaking commits ~~shall be~~
 2971 | ~~guilty of~~ a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided
 2972 | in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. Notwithstanding the
 2973 | provisions of s. 948.01, any person convicted under the
 2974 | provisions of this subsection shall not have adjudication of
 2975 | guilt suspended, deferred, or withheld.

2976 | (3) Any person who has been convicted of bookmaking and
 2977 | thereafter violates the provisions of this section commits ~~shall~~
 2978 | ~~be guilty of~~ a felony of the second degree, punishable as
 2979 | provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
 2980 | Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 948.01, any person
 2981 | convicted under the provisions of this subsection shall not have
 2982 | adjudication of guilt suspended, deferred, or withheld.

2983 | (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 777.04, any
 2984 | person who is guilty of conspiracy to commit bookmaking is ~~shall~~
 2985 | ~~be~~ subject to the penalties imposed by subsections (2) and (3).

2986 | (5) This section does ~~shall~~ not apply to pari-mutuel
 2987 | wagering in Florida as authorized under chapter 550.

2988 | (6) This section does ~~shall~~ not apply to any prosecutions
 2989 | filed and pending at the time of the passage hereof, but all
 2990 | such cases shall be disposed of under existing laws at the time
 2991 | of the institution of such prosecutions.

2992 | (7) This section does not apply to slot machine licensees
 2993 | authorized under part II of chapter 551 or resort licensees as
 2994 | authorized under part III of chapter 551.

2995 | Section 43. Section 849.48, Florida Statutes, is created
 2996 | to read:

2997 849.48 Gambling operator, manufacturer, distributor
 2998 licenses; application; qualifications; fees; renewal;
 2999 duplicates.-

3000 (1) (a) Each person, firm, association, partnership, or
 3001 corporate entity that seeks to operate a gambling business or to
 3002 allow gambling to occur on its premises must obtain a license
 3003 from the department. Any person, firm, association, partnership,
 3004 or corporate entity owning, leasing, furnishing, manufacturing,
 3005 distributing, or operating gambling devices must obtain a
 3006 license from the Department of Gaming Control.

3007 (b) An application for a license must be made on a form
 3008 adopted by rule of the department. The form must require the
 3009 applicant to set forth the name under which the applicant
 3010 transacts or intends to transact business, the address of the
 3011 location of the applicant's place of business, and any other
 3012 information the department requires. If the applicant has, or
 3013 intends to have, more than one place of business where gambling
 3014 will occur or gambling devices will be located, a separate
 3015 application must be made for each place of business. If the
 3016 applicant is a firm, association, partnership, or corporate
 3017 entity, the application must set forth the names and addresses
 3018 of the persons owning more than 5 percent of, or exercising any
 3019 decisionmaking control over, the business. If the applicant is a
 3020 corporate entity, the application must additionally set forth
 3021 the names and addresses of the principal officers of the
 3022 corporation. The application must also set forth any other
 3023 information prescribed by the department for the purpose of
 3024 identifying the applicant, its owners, or its decisionmaking

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3025 principals. The application must be signed and verified by oath
3026 or affirmation by the owner. If the owner is a firm,
3027 association, or partnership, the application must be signed by
3028 the members or partners thereof, or, if the owner is a corporate
3029 entity, by a decisionmaking principal authorized by the entity
3030 to sign the application, together with the written evidence of
3031 the principal's authority. The application must be accompanied
3032 by the annual license fee prescribed by the department.

3033 (c) Licenses shall be issued annually, upon payment of the
3034 annual license fee prescribed by the department. The department
3035 shall fix the fee in an amount sufficient to meet the costs of
3036 carrying out its licensing, enforcement, and administrative
3037 responsibilities under this chapter, but the fee may not exceed
3038 \$5,000. The proceeds of the fee shall be deposited into the
3039 Destination Resort Trust Fund of the Department of Gaming
3040 Control.

3041 (d) The holder of a license may renew the license each
3042 year, on or before January 15, upon payment of the annual
3043 license fee. A licensee that does not timely renew its license
3044 must pay a delinquent renewal fee of \$500 for each month or
3045 portion of a month occurring after expiration, and before
3046 renewal, of the license.

3047 (e) The department may not grant an exemption from the
3048 license fees prescribed in this subsection to any applicant.

3049 (f) The department shall establish a procedural rule that,
3050 to the greatest extent possible, provides for the Department of
3051 Law Enforcement to conduct background investigations for the
3052 initial licensing and licensing renewals.

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3053 (2) (a) A license may be issued only to a person who is at
3054 least 18 years of age or to a corporation having officers who
3055 are at least 18 years of age.

3056 (b) The department may refuse to issue a license to:

3057 1. Any person, firm, association, partnership, or
3058 corporate entity whose license has been revoked by the
3059 department;

3060 2. Any corporation having an officer whose license has
3061 been revoked by the department; or

3062 3. Any person who is or has been an officer of a
3063 corporation whose license has been revoked by the department or
3064 who is or has been an officer of a corporation whose license
3065 relating to gambling activities has been revoked in another
3066 jurisdiction.

3067 (c) The department shall revoke any license issued to a
3068 firm, association, partnership, or corporate entity that is
3069 prohibited from licensure under this section.

3070 (3) Upon approval of an application for a license, the
3071 Department of Gaming Control shall issue to the applicant a
3072 license for the place of business or premises specified in the
3073 application. A license is not assignable and is valid only for
3074 the person in whose name the license is issued and for the place
3075 designated in the license. The licensee must be in possession of
3076 the license at all times while working at the location for which
3077 the license was issued and must display the license upon demand
3078 to any person.

3079 (4) If a license has been destroyed or lost, the licensee
3080 may apply to the Department of Gaming Control for the issuance

3081 of a duplicate license. The department shall issue a duplicate
 3082 license upon payment of a \$150 fee, which the department shall
 3083 deposit into the Destination Resort Trust Fund of the Department
 3084 of Gaming Control.

3085 Section 44. Transfers.—

3086 (1) All of the statutory powers, duties and functions,
 3087 records, personnel, property, and unexpended balances of
 3088 appropriations, allocations, or other funds for the
 3089 administration of chapter 550, Florida Statutes, are transferred
 3090 intact by a type two transfer, as defined in s. 20.06(2),
 3091 Florida Statutes, from the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering of
 3092 the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to the
 3093 Division of Licensure of the Department of Gaming Control.

3094 (2) All of the statutory powers, duties and functions,
 3095 records, personnel, property, and unexpended balances of
 3096 appropriations, allocations, or other funds for the
 3097 administration of chapter 551, Florida Statutes, are transferred
 3098 by a type two transfer, as defined in s. 20.06(2), Florida
 3099 Statutes, from the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering of the
 3100 Department of Business and Professional Regulation to the
 3101 Division of Licensure of Department of Gaming Control.

3102 (3) All of the statutory powers, duties and functions,
 3103 records, personnel, property, and unexpended balances of
 3104 appropriations, allocations, or other funds for the
 3105 administration of s. 849.086, Florida Statutes, are transferred
 3106 by a type two transfer, as defined in s. 20.06(2), Florida
 3107 Statutes, from the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering of the
 3108 Department of Business and Professional Regulation to the

3109 Division of Licensure of Department of Gaming Control.
 3110 (4) The following trust funds are transferred from the
 3111 Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering of the Department of Business
 3112 and Professional Regulation to the Division of Licensure of
 3113 Department of Gaming Control:

- 3114 (a) Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund.
- 3115 (b) Racing Scholarship Trust Fund.

3116 Section 45. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1), subsection
 3117 (7), and paragraph (a) of subsection (13) of section 285.710,
 3118 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

3119 285.710 Compact authorization.—

3120 (1) As used in this section, the term:

3121 (f) "State compliance agency" means the Division of
 3122 Licensure ~~Pari-mutuel Wagering~~ of the Department of Gaming
 3123 Control ~~Business and Professional Regulation~~ which is designated
 3124 as the state agency having the authority to carry out the
 3125 state's oversight responsibilities under the compact.

3126 (7) The Division of Licensure ~~Pari-mutuel Wagering~~ of the
 3127 Department of Gaming Control ~~Business and Professional~~
 3128 ~~Regulation~~ is designated as the state compliance agency having
 3129 the authority to carry out the state's oversight
 3130 responsibilities under the compact authorized by this section.

3131 (13) For the purpose of satisfying the requirement in 25
 3132 U.S.C. s. 2710(d)(1)(B) that the gaming activities authorized
 3133 under an Indian gaming compact must be permitted in the state
 3134 for any purpose by any person, organization, or entity, the
 3135 following class III games or other games specified in this
 3136 section are hereby authorized to be conducted by the Tribe

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3137 pursuant to the compact:

3138 (a) Slot machines, as defined in s. 551.102 ~~551.102(8)~~.

3139 Section 46. Subsections (6) and (7) of section 550.002,

3140 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

3141 550.002 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

3142 (6) "Department" means the Department of Gaming Control

3143 ~~Business and Professional Regulation~~.

3144 (7) "Division" means the Division of Licensure ~~Pari-mutuel~~

3145 ~~Wagering~~ within the Department of Gaming Control ~~Business and~~

3146 ~~Professional Regulation~~.

3147 Section 47. Section 550.0251, Florida Statutes, is amended

3148 to read:

3149 550.0251 The powers and duties of the division ~~of Pari-~~

3150 ~~mutuel Wagering of the Department of Business and Professional~~

3151 ~~Regulation~~.—The division shall administer this chapter and

3152 regulate the pari-mutuel industry under this chapter and the

3153 rules adopted pursuant thereto, and:

3154 (1) The division shall make an annual report to the

3155 Governor showing its own actions, receipts derived under the

3156 provisions of this chapter, the practical effects of the

3157 application of this chapter, and any suggestions it may approve

3158 for the more effectual accomplishments of the purposes of this

3159 chapter.

3160 (2) The division shall require an oath on application

3161 documents as required by rule, which oath must state that the

3162 information contained in the document is true and complete.

3163 (3) The division shall adopt reasonable rules for the

3164 control, supervision, and direction of all applicants,

3165 | permittees, and licensees and for the holding, conducting, and
 3166 | operating of all racetracks, race meets, and races held in this
 3167 | state. Such rules must be uniform in their application and
 3168 | effect, and the duty of exercising this control and power is
 3169 | made mandatory upon the division.

3170 | (4) The division may take testimony concerning any matter
 3171 | within its jurisdiction and issue summons and subpoenas for any
 3172 | witness and subpoenas duces tecum in connection with any matter
 3173 | within the jurisdiction of the division under its seal and
 3174 | signed by the director.

3175 | (5) The division may adopt rules establishing procedures
 3176 | for testing occupational licenseholders officiating at or
 3177 | participating in any race or game at any pari-mutuel facility
 3178 | under the jurisdiction of the division for a controlled
 3179 | substance or alcohol and may prescribe procedural matters not in
 3180 | conflict with s. 120.80(19) ~~120.80(4)(a)~~.

3181 | (6) In addition to the power to exclude certain persons
 3182 | from any pari-mutuel facility in this state, the division may
 3183 | exclude any person from any and all pari-mutuel facilities in
 3184 | this state for conduct that would constitute, if the person were
 3185 | a licensee, a violation of this chapter or the rules of the
 3186 | division. The division may exclude from any pari-mutuel facility
 3187 | within this state any person who has been ejected from a pari-
 3188 | mutuel facility in this state or who has been excluded from any
 3189 | pari-mutuel facility in another state by the governmental
 3190 | department, agency, commission, or authority exercising
 3191 | regulatory jurisdiction over pari-mutuel facilities in such
 3192 | other state. The division may authorize any person who has been

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3193 | ejected or excluded from pari-mutuel facilities in this state or
 3194 | another state to attend the pari-mutuel facilities in this state
 3195 | upon a finding that the attendance of such person at pari-mutuel
 3196 | facilities would not be adverse to the public interest or to the
 3197 | integrity of the sport or industry; however, this subsection
 3198 | shall not be construed to abrogate the common-law right of a
 3199 | pari-mutuel permitholder to exclude absolutely a patron in this
 3200 | state.

3201 | (7) The division may oversee the making of, and
 3202 | distribution from, all pari-mutuel pools.

3203 | (8) The department may collect taxes and require
 3204 | compliance with reporting requirements for financial information
 3205 | as authorized by this chapter. In addition, the secretary of the
 3206 | department may require permitholders conducting pari-mutuel
 3207 | operations within the state to remit taxes, including fees, by
 3208 | electronic funds transfer if the taxes and fees amounted to
 3209 | \$50,000 or more in the prior reporting year.

3210 | (9) The division may conduct investigations in enforcing
 3211 | this chapter, except that all information obtained pursuant to
 3212 | an investigation by the division for an alleged violation of
 3213 | this chapter or rules of the division is exempt from s.
 3214 | 119.07(1) and from s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution
 3215 | until an administrative complaint is issued or the investigation
 3216 | is closed or ceases to be active. This subsection does not
 3217 | prohibit the division from providing such information to any law
 3218 | enforcement agency or to any other regulatory agency. For the
 3219 | purposes of this subsection, an investigation is considered to
 3220 | be active while it is being conducted with reasonable dispatch

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3221 and with a reasonable, good faith belief that it could lead to
 3222 an administrative, civil, or criminal action by the division or
 3223 another administrative or law enforcement agency. Except for
 3224 active criminal intelligence or criminal investigative
 3225 information, as defined in s. 119.011, and any other information
 3226 that, if disclosed, would jeopardize the safety of an
 3227 individual, all information, records, and transcriptions become
 3228 public when the investigation is closed or ceases to be active.

3229 (10) The division may impose an administrative fine for a
 3230 violation under this chapter of not more than \$1,000 for each
 3231 count or separate offense, except as otherwise provided in this
 3232 chapter, and may suspend or revoke a permit, a pari-mutuel
 3233 license, or an occupational license for a violation under this
 3234 chapter. All fines imposed and collected under this subsection
 3235 must be deposited with the Chief Financial Officer to the credit
 3236 of the General Revenue Fund.

3237 (11) The division shall supervise and regulate the welfare
 3238 of racing animals at pari-mutuel facilities.

3239 (12) The division shall have full authority and power to
 3240 make, adopt, amend, or repeal rules relating to cardroom
 3241 operations, to enforce and to carry out the provisions of s.
 3242 849.086, and to regulate the authorized cardroom activities in
 3243 the state.

3244 (13) The division shall have the authority to suspend a
 3245 permitholder's permit or license, if such permitholder is
 3246 operating a cardroom facility and such permitholder's cardroom
 3247 license has been suspended or revoked pursuant to s. 849.086.

3248 Section 48. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section

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3249 550.09514, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3250 550.09514 Greyhound dogracing taxes; purse requirements.-

3251 (2)

3252 (f) Each greyhound permitholder shall, during the
 3253 permitholder's race meet, supply kennel operators and the
 3254 Division of Licensure ~~Pari-Mutuel Wagering~~ with a weekly report
 3255 showing purses paid on live greyhound races and all greyhound
 3256 intertrack and simulcast broadcasts, including both as a guest
 3257 and a host together with the handle or commission calculations
 3258 on which such purses were paid and the transmission costs of
 3259 sending the simulcast or intertrack broadcasts, so that the
 3260 kennel operators may determine statutory and contractual
 3261 compliance.

3262 Section 49. Subsection (1) of section 550.135, Florida
 3263 Statutes, is amended to read:

3264 550.135 Division of moneys derived under this law.-All
 3265 moneys that are deposited with the Chief Financial Officer to
 3266 the credit of the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund shall be
 3267 distributed as follows:

3268 (1) The daily license fee revenues collected pursuant to
 3269 s. 550.0951(1) shall be used to fund the operating cost of the
 3270 division and to provide a proportionate share of the operation
 3271 of the office of the secretary and the Division of
 3272 Administration of the department ~~of Business and Professional~~
 3273 ~~Regulation~~; however, other collections in the Pari-mutuel
 3274 Wagering Trust Fund may also be used to fund the operation of
 3275 the division in accordance with authorized appropriations.

3276 Section 50. Subsection (4) of section 550.24055, Florida

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3277 Statutes, is amended to read:

3278 550.24055 Use of controlled substances or alcohol
 3279 prohibited; testing of certain occupational licensees; penalty;
 3280 evidence of test or action taken and admissibility for criminal
 3281 prosecution limited.—

3282 (4) The provisions of s. 120.80(19) ~~120.80(4)(a)~~ apply to
 3283 all actions taken by the stewards, judges, or board of judges
 3284 pursuant to this section without regard to the limitation
 3285 contained therein.

3286 Section 51. Subsection (15) of section 550.2415, Florida
 3287 Statutes, is amended to read:

3288 550.2415 Racing of animals under certain conditions
 3289 prohibited; penalties; exceptions.—

3290 (15) The division may implement by rule medication levels
 3291 recommended by the University of Florida College of Veterinary
 3292 Medicine developed pursuant to an agreement between the division
 3293 ~~of Pari-mutuel Wagering~~ and the University of Florida College of
 3294 Veterinary Medicine. The University of Florida College of
 3295 Veterinary Medicine may provide written notification to the
 3296 division that it has completed research or review on a
 3297 particular drug pursuant to the agreement and when the College
 3298 of Veterinary Medicine has completed a final report of its
 3299 findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the division.

3300 Section 52. Paragraph (j) of subsection (3) of section
 3301 550.2625, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3302 550.2625 Horseracing; minimum purse requirement, Florida
 3303 breeders' and owners' awards.—

3304 (3) Each horseracing permitholder conducting any

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3305 | thoroughbred race under this chapter, including any intertrack
 3306 | race taken pursuant to ss. 550.615-550.6305 or any interstate
 3307 | simulcast taken pursuant to s. 550.3551(3) shall pay a sum equal
 3308 | to 0.955 percent on all pari-mutuel pools conducted during any
 3309 | such race for the payment of breeders', stallion, or special
 3310 | racing awards as authorized in this chapter. This subsection
 3311 | also applies to all Breeder's Cup races conducted outside this
 3312 | state taken pursuant to s. 550.3551(3). On any race originating
 3313 | live in this state which is broadcast out-of-state to any
 3314 | location at which wagers are accepted pursuant to s.
 3315 | 550.3551(2), the host track is required to pay 3.475 percent of
 3316 | the gross revenue derived from such out-of-state broadcasts as
 3317 | breeders', stallion, or special racing awards. The Florida
 3318 | Thoroughbred Breeders' Association is authorized to receive
 3319 | these payments from the permitholders and make payments of
 3320 | awards earned. The Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' Association
 3321 | has the right to withhold up to 10 percent of the permitholder's
 3322 | payments under this section as a fee for administering the
 3323 | payments of awards and for general promotion of the industry.
 3324 | The permitholder shall remit these payments to the Florida
 3325 | Thoroughbred Breeders' Association by the 5th day of each
 3326 | calendar month for such sums accruing during the preceding
 3327 | calendar month and shall report such payments to the division as
 3328 | prescribed by the division. With the exception of the 10-percent
 3329 | fee, the moneys paid by the permitholders shall be maintained in
 3330 | a separate, interest-bearing account, and such payments together
 3331 | with any interest earned shall be used exclusively for the
 3332 | payment of breeders', stallion, or special racing awards in

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3333 accordance with the following provisions:

3334 (j) If the division finds that the Florida Thoroughbred
 3335 Breeders' Association has not complied with any provision of
 3336 this section, the division may order the association to cease
 3337 and desist from receiving funds and administering funds received
 3338 under this section. If the division enters such an order, the
 3339 permitholder shall make the payments authorized in this section
 3340 to the division for deposit into the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust
 3341 Fund; and any funds in the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders'
 3342 Association account shall be immediately paid to the division ~~of~~
 3343 ~~Pari-mutuel Wagering~~ for deposit to the Pari-mutuel Wagering
 3344 Trust Fund. The division shall authorize payment from these
 3345 funds to any breeder or stallion owner entitled to an award that
 3346 has not been previously paid by the Florida Thoroughbred
 3347 Breeders' Association in accordance with the applicable rate.

3348 Section 53. Subsection (1) of section 550.2704, Florida
 3349 Statutes, is amended to read:

3350 550.2704 Jai Alai Tournament of Champions Meet.—

3351 (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, there
 3352 is hereby created a special jai alai meet which shall be
 3353 designated as the "Jai Alai Tournament of Champions Meet" and
 3354 which shall be hosted by the Florida jai alai permitholders
 3355 selected by the National Association of Jai Alai Frontons, Inc.,
 3356 to conduct such meet. The meet shall consist of three qualifying
 3357 performances and a final performance, each of which is to be
 3358 conducted on different days. Upon the selection of the Florida
 3359 permitholders for the meet, and upon application by the selected
 3360 permitholders, the division ~~of Pari-mutuel Wagering~~ shall issue

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3361 a license to each of the selected permitholders to operate the
 3362 meet. The meet may be conducted during a season in which the
 3363 permitholders selected to conduct the meet are not otherwise
 3364 authorized to conduct a meet. Notwithstanding anything herein to
 3365 the contrary, any Florida permitholder who is to conduct a
 3366 performance which is a part of the Jai Alai Tournament of
 3367 Champions Meet shall not be required to apply for the license
 3368 for said meet if it is to be run during the regular season for
 3369 which such permitholder has a license.

3370 Section 54. Subsection (3) of section 550.902, Florida
 3371 Statutes, is amended to read:

3372 550.902 Purposes.—The purposes of this compact are to:

3373 (3) Authorize the department ~~of Business and Professional~~
 3374 ~~Regulation~~ to participate in this compact.

3375 Section 55. Subsection (1) of section 550.907, Florida
 3376 Statutes, is amended to read:

3377 550.907 Compact committee.—

3378 (1) There is created an interstate governmental entity to
 3379 be known as the "compact committee," which shall be composed of
 3380 one official from the racing commission, or the equivalent
 3381 thereof, in each party state who shall be appointed, serve, and
 3382 be subject to removal in accordance with the laws of the party
 3383 state that she or he represents. The official from Florida shall
 3384 be appointed by the State Gaming Commission ~~Secretary of~~
 3385 ~~Business and Professional Regulation~~. Pursuant to the laws of
 3386 her or his party state, each official shall have the assistance
 3387 of her or his state's racing commission, or the equivalent
 3388 thereof, in considering issues related to licensing of

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3389 participants in pari-mutuel wagering and in fulfilling her or
3390 his responsibilities as the representative from her or his state
3391 to the compact committee.

3392 Section 56. Section 551.101, Florida Statutes, is amended
3393 to read:

3394 551.101 Slot machine gaming authorized.—Any licensed pari-
3395 mutuel facility located in Miami-Dade County or Broward County
3396 existing at the time of adoption of s. 23, Art. X of the State
3397 Constitution that has conducted live racing or games during
3398 calendar years 2002 and 2003 may possess slot machines and
3399 conduct slot machine gaming at the location where the pari-
3400 mutuel permitholder is authorized to conduct pari-mutuel
3401 wagering activities pursuant to such permitholder's valid pari-
3402 mutuel permit provided that a majority of voters in a countywide
3403 referendum have approved slot machines at such facility in the
3404 respective county. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
3405 it is not a crime for a person to participate in slot machine
3406 gaming at a pari-mutuel facility licensed to possess slot
3407 machines and conduct slot machine gaming or to participate in
3408 slot machine gaming described in this part ~~chapter~~.

3409 Section 57. Section 551.102, Florida Statutes, is amended
3410 to read:

3411 551.102 Definitions.—As used in this part ~~chapter~~, the
3412 term:

3413 (1) "Distributor" means any person who sells, leases, or
3414 offers or otherwise provides, distributes, or services any slot
3415 machine or associated equipment for use or play of slot machines
3416 in this state. A manufacturer may be a distributor within the

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3417 state.

3418 (2) "Designated slot machine gaming area" means the area
3419 or areas of a facility of a slot machine licensee in which slot
3420 machine gaming may be conducted in accordance with the
3421 provisions of this part ~~chapter~~.

3422 ~~(3) "Division" means the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering~~
3423 ~~of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.~~

3424 (3)~~(4)~~ "Eligible facility" means any licensed pari-mutuel
3425 facility located in Miami-Dade County or Broward County existing
3426 at the time of adoption of s. 23, Art. X of the State
3427 Constitution that has conducted live racing or games during
3428 calendar years 2002 and 2003 and has been approved by a majority
3429 of voters in a countywide referendum to have slot machines at
3430 such facility in the respective county; any licensed pari-mutuel
3431 facility located within a county as defined in s. 125.011,
3432 provided such facility has conducted live racing or games for 2
3433 consecutive calendar years immediately preceding its application
3434 for a slot machine license, pays the required license fee, and
3435 meets the other requirements of this part ~~chapter~~; or any
3436 licensed pari-mutuel facility in any other county in which a
3437 majority of voters have approved slot machines at such
3438 facilities in a countywide referendum held pursuant to a
3439 statutory or constitutional authorization after the effective
3440 date of this section in the respective county, provided such
3441 facility has conducted a full schedule of live racing for 2
3442 consecutive calendar years immediately preceding its application
3443 for a slot machine license, pays the required licensed fee, and
3444 meets the other requirements of this part ~~chapter~~.

3445 (4)~~(5)~~ "Manufacturer" means any person who manufactures,
3446 builds, rebuilds, fabricates, assembles, produces, programs,
3447 designs, or otherwise makes modifications to any slot machine or
3448 associated equipment for use or play of slot machines in this
3449 state for gaming purposes. A manufacturer may be a distributor
3450 within the state.

3451 (5)~~(6)~~ "Nonredeemable credits" means slot machine
3452 operating credits that cannot be redeemed for cash or any other
3453 thing of value by a slot machine, kiosk, or the slot machine
3454 licensee and that are provided free of charge to patrons. Such
3455 credits do not constitute "nonredeemable credits" until such
3456 time as they are metered as credit into a slot machine and
3457 recorded in the facility-based monitoring system.

3458 (6)~~(7)~~ "Progressive system" means a computerized system
3459 linking slot machines in one or more licensed facilities within
3460 this state or other jurisdictions and offering one or more
3461 common progressive payouts based on the amounts wagered.

3462 (7)~~(8)~~ "Slot machine" means any mechanical or electrical
3463 contrivance, terminal that may or may not be capable of
3464 downloading slot games from a central server system, machine, or
3465 other device that, upon insertion of a coin, bill, ticket,
3466 token, or similar object or upon payment of any consideration
3467 whatsoever, including the use of any electronic payment system
3468 except a credit card or debit card, is available to play or
3469 operate, the play or operation of which, whether by reason of
3470 skill or application of the element of chance or both, may
3471 deliver or entitle the person or persons playing or operating
3472 the contrivance, terminal, machine, or other device to receive

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3473 cash, billets, tickets, tokens, or electronic credits to be
3474 exchanged for cash or to receive merchandise or anything of
3475 value whatsoever, whether the payoff is made automatically from
3476 the machine or manually. The term includes associated equipment
3477 necessary to conduct the operation of the contrivance, terminal,
3478 machine, or other device. Slot machines may use spinning reels,
3479 video displays, or both. A slot machine is not a "coin-operated
3480 amusement machine" as defined in s. 212.02(24) or an amusement
3481 game or machine as described in s. 849.161, and slot machines
3482 are not subject to the tax imposed by s. 212.05(1)(h).

3483 ~~(8)-(9)~~ "Slot machine facility" means a facility at which
3484 slot machines as defined in this part ~~chapter~~ are lawfully
3485 offered for play.

3486 ~~(9)-(10)~~ "Slot machine license" means a license issued by
3487 the division authorizing a pari-mutuel permitholder to place and
3488 operate slot machines as provided by s. 23, Art. X of the State
3489 Constitution, the provisions of this part ~~chapter~~, and division
3490 rules.

3491 ~~(10)-(11)~~ "Slot machine licensee" means a pari-mutuel
3492 permitholder who holds a license issued by the division pursuant
3493 to this part ~~chapter~~ that authorizes such person to possess a
3494 slot machine within facilities specified in s. 23, Art. X of the
3495 State Constitution and allows slot machine gaming.

3496 ~~(11)-(12)~~ "Slot machine operator" means a person employed
3497 or contracted by the owner of a licensed facility to conduct
3498 slot machine gaming at that licensed facility.

3499 ~~(12)-(13)~~ "Slot machine revenues" means the total of all
3500 cash and property, except nonredeemable credits, received by the

3501 slot machine licensee from the operation of slot machines less
 3502 the amount of cash, cash equivalents, credits, and prizes paid
 3503 to winners of slot machine gaming.

3504 Section 58. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) and paragraph
 3505 (b) of subsection (4) of section 551.103, Florida Statutes, are
 3506 amended to read:

3507 551.103 Powers and duties of the division and law
 3508 enforcement.—

3509 (1) The division shall adopt, pursuant to the provisions
 3510 of ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54, all rules necessary to implement,
 3511 administer, and regulate slot machine gaming as authorized in
 3512 this part ~~chapter~~. Such rules must include:

3513 (a) Procedures for applying for a slot machine license and
 3514 renewal of a slot machine license.

3515 (b) Technical requirements and the qualifications
 3516 contained in this part ~~chapter~~ that are necessary to receive a
 3517 slot machine license or slot machine occupational license.

3518 (c) Procedures to scientifically test and technically
 3519 evaluate slot machines for compliance with this part ~~chapter~~.
 3520 The division may contract with an independent testing laboratory
 3521 to conduct any necessary testing under this section. The
 3522 independent testing laboratory must have a national reputation
 3523 which is demonstrably competent and qualified to scientifically
 3524 test and evaluate slot machines for compliance with this part
 3525 ~~chapter~~ and to otherwise perform the functions assigned to it in
 3526 this part ~~chapter~~. An independent testing laboratory shall not
 3527 be owned or controlled by a licensee. The use of an independent
 3528 testing laboratory for any purpose related to the conduct of

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3529 slot machine gaming by a licensee under this part ~~chapter~~ shall
 3530 be made from a list of one or more laboratories approved by the
 3531 division.

3532 (d) Procedures relating to slot machine revenues,
 3533 including verifying and accounting for such revenues, auditing,
 3534 and collecting taxes and fees consistent with this part ~~chapter~~.

3535 (e) Procedures for regulating, managing, and auditing the
 3536 operation, financial data, and program information relating to
 3537 slot machine gaming that allow the division and the Department
 3538 of Law Enforcement to audit the operation, financial data, and
 3539 program information of a slot machine licensee, as required by
 3540 the division or the Department of Law Enforcement, and provide
 3541 the division and the Department of Law Enforcement with the
 3542 ability to monitor, at any time on a real-time basis, wagering
 3543 patterns, payouts, tax collection, and compliance with any rules
 3544 adopted by the division for the regulation and control of slot
 3545 machines operated under this part ~~chapter~~. Such continuous and
 3546 complete access, at any time on a real-time basis, shall include
 3547 the ability of either the division or the Department of Law
 3548 Enforcement to suspend play immediately on particular slot
 3549 machines if monitoring of the facilities-based computer system
 3550 indicates possible tampering or manipulation of those slot
 3551 machines or the ability to suspend play immediately of the
 3552 entire operation if the tampering or manipulation is of the
 3553 computer system itself. The division shall notify the Department
 3554 of Law Enforcement or the Department of Law Enforcement shall
 3555 notify the division, as appropriate, whenever there is a
 3556 suspension of play under this paragraph. The division and the

3557 Department of Law Enforcement shall exchange such information
 3558 necessary for and cooperate in the investigation of the
 3559 circumstances requiring suspension of play under this paragraph.

3560 (f) Procedures for requiring each licensee at his or her
 3561 own cost and expense to supply the division with a bond having
 3562 the penal sum of \$2 million payable to the Governor and his or
 3563 her successors in office for each year of the licensee's slot
 3564 machine operations. Any bond shall be issued by a surety or
 3565 sureties approved by the division and the Chief Financial
 3566 Officer, conditioned to faithfully make the payments to the
 3567 Chief Financial Officer in his or her capacity as treasurer of
 3568 the division. The licensee shall be required to keep its books
 3569 and records and make reports as provided in this part ~~chapter~~
 3570 and to conduct its slot machine operations in conformity with
 3571 this part ~~chapter~~ and all other provisions of law. Such bond
 3572 shall be separate and distinct from the bond required in s.
 3573 550.125.

3574 (g) Procedures for requiring licensees to maintain
 3575 specified records and submit any data, information, record, or
 3576 report, including financial and income records, required by this
 3577 part ~~chapter~~ or determined by the division to be necessary to
 3578 the proper implementation and enforcement of this part ~~chapter~~.

3579 (h) A requirement that the payout percentage of a slot
 3580 machine be no less than 85 percent.

3581 (i) Minimum standards for security of the facilities,
 3582 including floor plans, security cameras, and other security
 3583 equipment.

3584 (j) Procedures for requiring slot machine licensees to

3585 implement and establish drug-testing programs for all slot
 3586 machine occupational licensees.

3587 (2) The division shall conduct such investigations
 3588 necessary to fulfill its responsibilities under the provisions
 3589 of this part ~~chapter~~.

3590 (3) The Department of Law Enforcement and local law
 3591 enforcement agencies shall have concurrent jurisdiction to
 3592 investigate criminal violations of this part ~~chapter~~ and may
 3593 investigate any other criminal violation of law occurring at the
 3594 facilities of a slot machine licensee, and such investigations
 3595 may be conducted in conjunction with the appropriate state
 3596 attorney.

3597 (4)

3598 (b) In addition, the division may:

- 3599 1. Collect taxes, assessments, fees, and penalties.
- 3600 2. Deny, revoke, suspend, or place conditions on the
- 3601 license of a person who violates any provision of this part
- 3602 ~~chapter~~ or rule adopted pursuant thereto.

3603 Section 59. Subsection (1), paragraph (a) of subsection
 3604 (4), subsections (6) and (8), and paragraph (d) of subsection
 3605 (10) of section 551.104, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

3606 551.104 License to conduct slot machine gaming.—

3607 (1) Upon application and a finding by the division after
 3608 investigation that the application is complete and the applicant
 3609 is qualified and payment of the initial license fee, the
 3610 division may issue a license to conduct slot machine gaming in
 3611 the designated slot machine gaming area of the eligible
 3612 facility. Once licensed, slot machine gaming may be conducted

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3613 subject to the requirements of this part ~~chapter~~ and rules
 3614 adopted pursuant thereto.

3615 (4) As a condition of licensure and to maintain continued
 3616 authority for the conduct of slot machine gaming, the slot
 3617 machine licensee shall:

3618 (a) Continue to be in compliance with this part ~~chapter~~.

3619 (6) A slot machine licensee shall keep and maintain
 3620 permanent daily records of its slot machine operation and shall
 3621 maintain such records for a period of not less than 5 years.
 3622 These records must include all financial transactions and
 3623 contain sufficient detail to determine compliance with the
 3624 requirements of this part ~~chapter~~. All records shall be
 3625 available for audit and inspection by the division, the
 3626 Department of Law Enforcement, or other law enforcement agencies
 3627 during the licensee's regular business hours.

3628 (8) A slot machine licensee shall file with the division
 3629 an audit of the receipt and distribution of all slot machine
 3630 revenues provided by an independent certified public accountant
 3631 verifying compliance with all financial and auditing provisions
 3632 of this part ~~chapter~~ and the associated rules adopted under this
 3633 part ~~chapter~~. The audit must include verification of compliance
 3634 with all statutes and rules regarding all required records of
 3635 slot machine operations. Such audit shall be filed within 60
 3636 days after the completion of the permitholder's pari-mutuel
 3637 meet.

3638 (10)

3639 (d) If any provision of this subsection or its application
 3640 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity

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3641 does not affect other provisions or applications of this
 3642 subsection or part ~~chapter~~ which can be given effect without the
 3643 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
 3644 of this subsection are severable.

3645 Section 60. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
 3646 (4) of section 551.106, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

3647 551.106 License fee; tax rate; penalties.—

3648 (1) LICENSE FEE.—

3649 (a) Upon submission of the initial application for a slot
 3650 machine license and annually thereafter, on the anniversary date
 3651 of the issuance of the initial license, the licensee must pay to
 3652 the division a nonrefundable license fee of \$3 million for the
 3653 succeeding 12 months of licensure. In the 2010-2011 fiscal year,
 3654 the licensee must pay the division a nonrefundable license fee
 3655 of \$2.5 million for the succeeding 12 months of licensure. In
 3656 the 2011-2012 fiscal year and for every fiscal year thereafter,
 3657 the licensee must pay the division a nonrefundable license fee
 3658 of \$2 million for the succeeding 12 months of licensure. The
 3659 license fee shall be deposited into the Pari-mutuel Wagering
 3660 Trust Fund ~~of the Department of Business and Professional~~
 3661 ~~Regulation~~ to be used by the division and the Department of Law
 3662 Enforcement for investigations, regulation of slot machine
 3663 gaming, and enforcement of slot machine gaming provisions under
 3664 this part ~~chapter~~. These payments shall be accounted for
 3665 separately from taxes or fees paid pursuant to the provisions of
 3666 chapter 550.

3667 (4) TO PAY TAX; PENALTIES.—A slot machine licensee who
 3668 fails to make tax payments as required under this section is

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3669 subject to an administrative penalty of up to \$10,000 for each
 3670 day the tax payment is not remitted. All administrative
 3671 penalties imposed and collected shall be deposited into the
 3672 Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund ~~of the Department of Business~~
 3673 ~~and Professional Regulation~~. If any slot machine licensee fails
 3674 to pay penalties imposed by order of the division under this
 3675 subsection, the division may suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew
 3676 the license of the slot machine licensee.

3677 Section 61. Subsection (1), paragraph (d) of subsection
 3678 (4), paragraph (a) of subsection (6), and subsection (11) of
 3679 section 551.107, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

3680 551.107 Slot machine occupational license; findings;
 3681 application; fee.—

3682 (1) The Legislature finds that individuals and entities
 3683 that are licensed under this section require heightened state
 3684 scrutiny, including the submission by the individual licensees
 3685 or persons associated with the entities described in this part
 3686 ~~chapter~~ of fingerprints for a criminal history record check.

3687 (4)

3688 (d) The slot machine occupational license fee for initial
 3689 application and annual renewal shall be determined by rule of
 3690 the division but may not exceed \$50 for a general or
 3691 professional occupational license for an employee of the slot
 3692 machine licensee or \$1,000 for a business occupational license
 3693 for nonemployees of the licensee providing goods or services to
 3694 the slot machine licensee. License fees for general occupational
 3695 licensees shall be paid by the slot machine licensee. Failure to
 3696 pay the required fee constitutes grounds for disciplinary action

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3697 by the division against the slot machine licensee, but it is not
 3698 a violation of this part ~~chapter~~ or rules of the division by the
 3699 general occupational licensee and does not prohibit the initial
 3700 issuance or the renewal of the general occupational license.

3701 (6) (a) The division may deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse
 3702 to renew any slot machine occupational license if the applicant
 3703 for such license or the licensee has violated the provisions of
 3704 this part ~~chapter~~ or the rules of the division governing the
 3705 conduct of persons connected with slot machine gaming. In
 3706 addition, the division may deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to
 3707 renew any slot machine occupational license if the applicant for
 3708 such license or the licensee has been convicted in this state,
 3709 in any other state, or under the laws of the United States of a
 3710 capital felony, a felony, or an offense in any other state that
 3711 would be a felony under the laws of this state involving arson;
 3712 trafficking in, conspiracy to traffic in, smuggling, importing,
 3713 conspiracy to smuggle or import, or delivery, sale, or
 3714 distribution of a controlled substance; racketeering; or a crime
 3715 involving a lack of good moral character, or has had a gaming
 3716 license revoked by this state or any other jurisdiction for any
 3717 gaming-related offense.

3718 (11) The division may impose a civil fine of up to \$5,000
 3719 for each violation of this part ~~chapter~~ or the rules of the
 3720 division in addition to or in lieu of any other penalty provided
 3721 for in this section. The division may adopt a penalty schedule
 3722 for violations of this part ~~chapter~~ or any rule adopted pursuant
 3723 to this part ~~chapter~~ for which it would impose a fine in lieu of
 3724 a suspension and adopt rules allowing for the issuance of

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3725 citations, including procedures to address such citations, to
3726 persons who violate such rules. In addition to any other penalty
3727 provided by law, the division may exclude from all licensed slot
3728 machine facilities in this state, for a period not to exceed the
3729 period of suspension, revocation, or ineligibility, any person
3730 whose occupational license application has been declared
3731 ineligible to hold an occupational license or whose occupational
3732 license has been suspended or revoked by the division.

3733 Section 62. Subsection (2) of section 551.108, Florida
3734 Statutes, is amended to read:

3735 551.108 Prohibited relationships.—

3736 (2) A manufacturer or distributor of slot machines may not
3737 enter into any contract with a slot machine licensee that
3738 provides for any revenue sharing of any kind or nature that is
3739 directly or indirectly calculated on the basis of a percentage
3740 of slot machine revenues. Any maneuver, shift, or device whereby
3741 this subsection is violated is a violation of this part ~~chapter~~
3742 and renders any such agreement void.

3743 Section 63. Subsections (1), (2), and (7) of section
3744 551.109, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

3745 551.109 Prohibited acts; penalties.—

3746 (1) Except as otherwise provided by law and in addition to
3747 any other penalty, any person who knowingly makes or causes to
3748 be made, or aids, assists, or procures another to make, a false
3749 statement in any report, disclosure, application, or any other
3750 document required under this part ~~chapter~~ or any rule adopted
3751 under this part ~~chapter~~ is subject to an administrative fine or
3752 civil penalty of up to \$10,000.

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3753 (2) Except as otherwise provided by law and in addition to
 3754 any other penalty, any person who possesses a slot machine
 3755 without the license required by this part ~~chapter~~ or who
 3756 possesses a slot machine at any location other than at the slot
 3757 machine licensee's facility is subject to an administrative fine
 3758 or civil penalty of up to \$10,000 per machine. The prohibition
 3759 in this subsection does not apply to:

3760 (a) Slot machine manufacturers or slot machine
 3761 distributors that hold appropriate licenses issued by the
 3762 division who are authorized to maintain a slot machine storage
 3763 and maintenance facility at any location in a county in which
 3764 slot machine gaming is authorized by this part ~~chapter~~. The
 3765 division may adopt rules regarding security and access to the
 3766 storage facility and inspections by the division.

3767 (b) Certified educational facilities that are authorized
 3768 to maintain slot machines for the sole purpose of education and
 3769 licensure, if any, of slot machine technicians, inspectors, or
 3770 investigators. The division and the Department of Law
 3771 Enforcement may possess slot machines for training and testing
 3772 purposes. The division may adopt rules regarding the regulation
 3773 of any such slot machines used for educational, training, or
 3774 testing purposes.

3775 (7) All penalties imposed and collected under this section
 3776 must be deposited into the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund ~~of~~
 3777 ~~the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.~~

3778 Section 64. Section 551.111, Florida Statutes, is amended
 3779 to read:

3780 551.111 Legal devices.—Notwithstanding any provision of

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3781 law to the contrary, a slot machine manufactured, sold,
 3782 distributed, possessed, or operated according to the provisions
 3783 of this part ~~chapter~~ is not unlawful.

3784 Section 65. Section 551.112, Florida Statutes, is amended
 3785 to read:

3786 551.112 Exclusions of certain persons.—In addition to the
 3787 power to exclude certain persons from any facility of a slot
 3788 machine licensee in this state, the division may exclude any
 3789 person from any facility of a slot machine licensee in this
 3790 state for conduct that would constitute, if the person were a
 3791 licensee, a violation of this part ~~chapter~~ or the rules of the
 3792 division. The division may exclude from any facility of a slot
 3793 machine licensee any person who has been ejected from a facility
 3794 of a slot machine licensee in this state or who has been
 3795 excluded from any facility of a slot machine licensee or gaming
 3796 facility in another state by the governmental department,
 3797 agency, commission, or authority exercising regulatory
 3798 jurisdiction over the gaming in such other state. This section
 3799 does not abrogate the common law right of a slot machine
 3800 licensee to exclude a patron absolutely in this state.

3801 Section 66. Section 551.117, Florida Statutes, is amended
 3802 to read:

3803 551.117 Penalties.—The division may revoke or suspend any
 3804 slot machine license issued under this part ~~chapter~~ upon the
 3805 willful violation by the slot machine licensee of any provision
 3806 of this part ~~chapter~~ or of any rule adopted under this part
 3807 ~~chapter~~. In lieu of suspending or revoking a slot machine
 3808 license, the division may impose a civil penalty against the

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3809 slot machine licensee for a violation of this part ~~chapter~~ or
 3810 any rule adopted by the division. Except as otherwise provided
 3811 in this part ~~chapter~~, the penalty so imposed may not exceed
 3812 \$100,000 for each count or separate offense. All penalties
 3813 imposed and collected must be deposited into the Pari-mutuel
 3814 Wagering Trust Fund ~~of the Department of Business and~~
 3815 ~~Professional Regulation.~~

3816 Section 67. Section 551.119, Florida Statutes, is amended
 3817 to read:

3818 551.119 Caterer's license.—A slot machine licensee is
 3819 entitled to a caterer's license pursuant to s. 565.02 on days on
 3820 which the pari-mutuel facility is open to the public for slot
 3821 machine game play as authorized by this part ~~chapter~~.

3822 Section 68. Section 551.122, Florida Statutes, is amended
 3823 to read:

3824 551.122 Rulemaking.—The division may adopt rules pursuant
 3825 to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to administer the provisions of
 3826 this part ~~chapter~~.

3827 Section 69. Section 551.123, Florida Statutes, is amended
 3828 to read:

3829 551.123 Legislative authority; administration of part
 3830 ~~chapter~~.—The Legislature finds and declares that it has
 3831 exclusive authority over the conduct of all wagering occurring
 3832 at a slot machine facility in this state. As provided by law,
 3833 only the division ~~of Pari-mutuel Wagering~~ and other authorized
 3834 state agencies shall administer this part ~~chapter~~ and regulate
 3835 the slot machine gaming industry, including operation of slot
 3836 machine facilities, games, slot machines, and facilities-based

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3837 computer systems authorized in this part ~~chapter~~ and the rules
 3838 adopted by the division.

3839 Section 70. Subsection (5) of section 565.02, Florida
 3840 Statutes, is amended to read:

3841 565.02 License fees; vendors; clubs; caterers; and
 3842 others.—

3843 (5) A caterer at a horse or dog racetrack or jai alai
 3844 fronton may obtain a license upon the payment of an annual state
 3845 license tax of \$675. Such caterer's license shall permit sales
 3846 only within the enclosure in which such races or jai alai games
 3847 are conducted, and such licensee shall be permitted to sell only
 3848 during the period beginning 10 days before and ending 10 days
 3849 after racing or jai alai under the authority of the Division of
 3850 Licensure ~~Pari-mutuel Wagering~~ of the Department of Gaming
 3851 Control ~~Business and Professional Regulation~~ is conducted at
 3852 such racetrack or jai alai fronton. Except as in this subsection
 3853 otherwise provided, caterers licensed hereunder shall be treated
 3854 as vendors licensed to sell by the drink the beverages mentioned
 3855 herein and shall be subject to all the provisions hereof
 3856 relating to such vendors.

3857 Section 71. Section 817.37, Florida Statutes, is amended
 3858 to read:

3859 817.37 Touting; defining; providing punishment; ejection
 3860 from racetracks.—

3861 (1) Any person who knowingly and designedly by false
 3862 representation attempts to, or does persuade, procure or cause
 3863 another person to wager on a horse in a race to be run in this
 3864 state or elsewhere, and upon which money is wagered in this

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3865 | state, and who asks or demands compensation as a reward for
 3866 | information or purported information given in such case is a
 3867 | tout, and is guilty of touting.

3868 | (2) Any person who is a tout, or who attempts or conspires
 3869 | to commit touting, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the
 3870 | second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
 3871 | 775.083.

3872 | (3) Any person who in the commission of touting falsely
 3873 | uses the name of any official of the ~~Florida~~ Division of
 3874 | Licensure of the Department of Gaming Control ~~Pari-mutuel~~
 3875 | ~~Wagering~~, its inspectors or attaches, or of any official of any
 3876 | racetrack association, or the names of any owner, trainer,
 3877 | jockey, or other person licensed by the ~~Florida~~ Division of
 3878 | Licensure of the Department of Gaming Control ~~Pari-mutuel~~
 3879 | ~~Wagering~~, as the source of any information or purported
 3880 | information shall be guilty of a felony of the third degree,
 3881 | punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

3882 | (4) Any person who has been convicted of touting by any
 3883 | court, and the record of whose conviction on such charge is on
 3884 | file in the office of the ~~Florida~~ Division of Licensure of the
 3885 | Department of Gaming Control ~~Pari-mutuel Wagering~~, any court of
 3886 | this state, or of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or any
 3887 | person who has been ejected from any racetrack of this or any
 3888 | other state for touting or practices inimical to the public
 3889 | interest shall be excluded from all racetracks in this state and
 3890 | if such person returns to a racetrack he or she shall be guilty
 3891 | of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in
 3892 | s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. Any such person who refuses to leave

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3893 | such track when ordered to do so by inspectors of the ~~Florida~~
 3894 | Division of Licensure of the Department of Gaming Control ~~Pari-~~
 3895 | ~~mutuel Wagering~~ or by any peace officer, or by an accredited
 3896 | attaché ~~attache~~ of a racetrack or association shall be guilty of
 3897 | a separate offense which shall be a misdemeanor of the second
 3898 | degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.083.

3899 | Section 72. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) and
 3900 | subsections (4) and (16) of section 849.086, Florida Statutes,
 3901 | are amended to read:

3902 | 849.086 Cardrooms authorized.—

3903 | (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

3904 | (g) "Division" means the Division of Licensure ~~Pari-mutuel~~
 3905 | ~~Wagering~~ of the Department of Gaming Control ~~Business and~~
 3906 | ~~Professional Regulation~~.

3907 | (4) AUTHORITY OF DIVISION.—The division ~~of Pari-mutuel~~
 3908 | ~~Wagering of the Department of Business and Professional~~
 3909 | ~~Regulation~~ shall administer this section and regulate the
 3910 | operation of cardrooms under this section and the rules adopted
 3911 | pursuant thereto, and is hereby authorized to:

3912 | (a) Adopt rules, including, but not limited to: the
 3913 | issuance of cardroom and employee licenses for cardroom
 3914 | operations; the operation of a cardroom; recordkeeping and
 3915 | reporting requirements; and the collection of all fees and taxes
 3916 | imposed by this section.

3917 | (b) Conduct investigations and monitor the operation of
 3918 | cardrooms and the playing of authorized games therein.

3919 | (c) Review the books, accounts, and records of any current
 3920 | or former cardroom operator.

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3921 (d) Suspend or revoke any license or permit, after
 3922 hearing, for any violation of the provisions of this section or
 3923 the administrative rules adopted pursuant thereto.

3924 (e) Take testimony, issue summons and subpoenas for any
 3925 witness, and issue subpoenas duces tecum in connection with any
 3926 matter within its jurisdiction.

3927 (f) Monitor and ensure the proper collection of taxes and
 3928 fees imposed by this section. Permitholder internal controls are
 3929 mandated to ensure no compromise of state funds. To that end, a
 3930 roaming division auditor will monitor and verify the cash flow
 3931 and accounting of cardroom revenue for any given operating day.

3932 (16) LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL.—The division may ~~of Pari-~~
 3933 ~~mutuel Wagering shall~~ not issue any initial license under this
 3934 section except upon proof in such form as the division may
 3935 prescribe that the local government where the applicant for such
 3936 license desires to conduct cardroom gaming has voted to approve
 3937 such activity by a majority vote of the governing body of the
 3938 municipality or the governing body of the county if the facility
 3939 is not located in a municipality.

3940 Section 73. Subsection (10) of section 849.094, Florida
 3941 Statutes, is amended to read:

3942 849.094 Game promotion in connection with sale of consumer
 3943 products or services.—

3944 (10) This section does not apply to actions or
 3945 transactions regulated by the Department of Gaming Control
 3946 ~~Business and Professional Regulation~~ or to the activities of
 3947 nonprofit organizations or to any other organization engaged in
 3948 any enterprise other than the sale of consumer products or

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3949 services. Subsections (3), (4), (5), (6), and (7) and paragraph
3950 (8) (a) and any of the rules made pursuant thereto do not apply
3951 to television or radio broadcasting companies licensed by the
3952 Federal Communications Commission.

3953 Section 74. If any provision of this act or its
3954 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
3955 invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of
3956 this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision
3957 or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are
3958 severable.

3959 Section 75. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
3960 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2012.