

CHAPTER 2022-179

Senate Bill No. 2510

An act relating to the Florida Gaming Control Commission; amending s. 16.71, F.S.; deleting a requirement that a commissioner be appointed from each appellate district; requiring the commission to administer the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund; amending s. 16.713, F.S.; exempting certain state agency employees who are registered lobbyists from the prohibition against being appointed to or employed by the commission; amending s. 120.80, F.S.; exempting the commission from certain hearing and notice requirements; requiring the commission to adopt rules; deleting obsolete language; amending s. 455.116, F.S.; deleting obsolete language; amending s. 550.135, F.S.; deleting a provision requiring that a proportionate share of certain funds be used for certain purposes relating to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; removing the requirement that certain funds be deposited in the General Revenue Fund; deleting provisions requiring that certain funds be used or reserved to fund slot machine regulation operations; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 551.106, F.S.; requiring the commission to evaluate slot license fees and make specified recommendations to the Legislature before a specified date; amending s. 849.094, F.S.; revising applicability for game promotions in connection with the sale of consumer products or services; amending ss. 550.0251, 550.24055, and 849.086, F.S.; conforming provisions; providing an effective date.

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

Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 120.80, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (19) is added to that section, to read:

120.80 Exceptions and special requirements; agencies.—

(4) DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(19) FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION.—The Florida Gaming Control Commission is exempt from the hearing and notice requirements of ss. 120.569 and 120.57(1)(a), but only for stewards, judges, and boards of judges when the hearing is to be held for the purpose of the imposition of fines or suspensions as provided by rules of the commission, but not for revocations, and only upon violations of paragraphs (a)-(f). The commission shall adopt rules establishing alternative procedures, including a hearing upon reasonable notice, for the following violations:

(a) Horse riding, harness riding, and jai alai game actions in violation of chapter 550.

(b) Application and usage of drugs and medication to horses and jai alai players in violation of chapter 550.

(c) Maintaining or possessing any device which could be used for the injection or other infusion of a prohibited drug to horses and jai alai players in violation of chapter 550.

(d) Suspensions under reciprocity agreements between the commission and regulatory agencies of other states.

(e) Assault or other crimes of violence on premises licensed for pari-mutuel wagering.

(f) Prearranging the outcome of any race or game.

Section 11. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

Approved by the Governor June 8, 2022.

Filed in Office Secretary of State June 8, 2022.