

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the authority of the division of
 3 Pari-mutuel Wagering within the Department of Business
 4 and Professional Regulation to adopt rules; amending
 5 s. 551.103, F.S.; requiring the Division of Pari-
 6 mutuel Wagering within the Department of Business and
 7 Professional Regulation to adopt rules regulating slot
 8 machines and providing specifications for the internal
 9 components of slot machines; requiring that the
 10 division adopt specifications and procedures to ensure
 11 random probabilities of winning plays and provide for
 12 the operation of random-number generators; amending s.
 13 551.121, F.S.; prohibiting a slot machine's random-
 14 number generator from serving more than one station or
 15 terminal where an individual player places his or her
 16 wagers; providing for progressive jackpot payouts;
 17 providing an effective date.

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

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 21 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 551.103, Florida
 22 Statutes, is amended to read:

23 551.103 Powers and duties of the division and law
 24 enforcement.—

25 (1) The division shall adopt, pursuant to the provisions
 26 of ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54, all rules necessary to implement,
 27 administer, and regulate slot machines and slot machine gaming
 28 as authorized in this chapter. Such rules must include:

29 (a) Procedures for applying for a slot machine license and
30 renewal of a slot machine license.

31 (b) Technical requirements and the qualifications
32 contained in this chapter that are necessary to receive a slot
33 machine license or slot machine occupational license.

34 (c) Procedures to scientifically test and technically
35 evaluate slot machines, including all components, hardware, and
36 software for slot machines, for compliance with this chapter.
37 The division may contract with an independent testing laboratory
38 to conduct any necessary testing under this section. The
39 independent testing laboratory must have a national reputation
40 which is demonstrably competent and qualified to scientifically
41 test and evaluate slot machines for compliance with this chapter
42 and to otherwise perform the functions assigned to it in this
43 chapter. An independent testing laboratory shall not be owned or
44 controlled by a licensee. The use of an independent testing
45 laboratory for any purpose related to the conduct of slot
46 machine gaming by a licensee under this chapter shall be made
47 from a list of one or more laboratories approved by the
48 division.

49 (k) Specifications of the required internal components for
50 a slot machine, including the location, configuration, and
51 function of the components, and the operating requirements for
52 all hardware and software.

53 (l) Procedures and specifications for slot machines to
54 ensure the random probabilities of winning plays and the
55 specifications for the operation of the random-number generator
56 of each slot machine.

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57 Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 551.121, Florida
58 Statutes, is amended to read:

59 551.121 Prohibited activities and devices; exceptions.—

60 (5) A slot machine's random-number generator may not serve
61 more than one station or terminal where an individual player
62 places his or her wagers. However, a slot machine, or the
63 computer operating system linking the slot machine, may be
64 linked by any means to any other slot machine or computer
65 operating system within the facility of a slot machine licensee
66 for progressive jackpot payouts. A progressive system may be
67 used in conjunction with slot machines between licensed
68 facilities in Florida or in other jurisdictions.

69 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.