



# **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON GAMING**

**House Offer #2**

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- 5 new limited gaming licenses are authorized and may be issued by DBPR only between 1-1-19 and 1-1-20, and only for locations outside of Dade and Broward counties.
  - A limited gaming license entitles a license holder to either:
    - Operate 500 slot machines, or
    - Conduct player-banked card games.
  - Eligibility requirements include:
    - Must be located in a county that, between 1-1-12 to 1-1-18, held a countywide referendum in which a majority of voters approved of the introduction of slot machines, and conducts a second countywide referendum after 7-1-18 using prescribed ballot language, in which a majority of voters approve of the introduction of slot machines at the specified pari-mutuel facility.
    - No later than 1-1-19, the applicant must relinquish to DBPR 5 or more pari-mutuel permits and which, upon the applicant's permit relinquishment, will result in the permanent termination of all gaming activities at the permitted location. All relinquished permits and any associated licenses are void and may not be reissued.
    - Must be located at a pari-mutuel facility that was in operation as of 1-1-18.
    - Payment of a one-time \$1 million non-refundable application fee to DBPR.
  - Any pari-mutuel found by a court as infringing upon the Seminole Compact after 1-1-18 is disqualified from eligibility for a limited gaming license.
  - Limited gaming facilities cannot be located within 100 miles of the Seminole Tribe's Tampa facility or within 20 miles of any of the remaining Seminole Tribe facilities.
  - Renewal of a limited gaming license for a limited gaming facility is contingent upon the State's receipt of a minimum of \$40 million annually in taxes and license fees from the license holder during the prior 12-month period.
- Player-banked card games are not permitted at any facility, except for limited gaming license holders that select the player-banked card game option.
- Authorize, and allocate Seminole Compact revenues to fund, additional enforcement by DBPR to regulate authorized gaming activities, to test and seize machines, and to shut down any illegal gaming activities throughout the state.
- Establish new requirements for slot machines and slot machine facilities to combat compulsive gambling.
- Reduce the maximum number of authorized slot machines in 8 existing slot machine facilities in Dade and Broward from 2,000 to 1,500.
- Effective 7-1-2019, the slot machine tax rate is reduced to 30%. Effective 7-1-2020, the slot machine tax rate is reduced to 25%. In order for existing Dade and Broward slot license

holders to be eligible, they must agree to cap the number of slot machines at their facility to the number of slot machines in place on 3-1-18.

- Effective 1-1-18, no new pari-mutuel permits, cardroom licenses, or slot licenses may be issued, except for the 5 limited gaming licenses authorized above.
- Effective 4-1-18, all dormant permits are void and may not be reissued.
- Clarify that pre-reveal machines are illegal slot machines.
- House-banked card games are authorized only at all 7 Seminole Tribe facilities.
- Craps and roulette are authorized only at 2 of 7 Seminole facilities (Seminole Hard Rock Tampa and Seminole Hard Rock Casino - Hollywood).