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# Ways and Means Committee

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Morris Hall

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# COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

## Ways & Means Committee

3/21/2017 4:00PM

**Location:** Morris Hall (17 HOB)

### Summary:

#### Ways & Means Committee

Tuesday March 21, 2017 04:00 pm

CS/HB 49	Favorable With Committee Substitute	Yeas: 18	Nays: 0
	Amendment 929475 Adopted Without Objection		
PCS for HB 455	Favorable With Amendment(s)	Yeas: 17	Nays: 0
	Amendment PCS for HB 455 a1 Adopted Without Objection		
	Amendment PCS for HB 455 a2 Adopted Without Objection		
HB 1311	Favorable	Yeas: 18	Nays: 0
HB 1401	Favorable	Yeas: 18	Nays: 0
HB 7037	Favorable	Yeas: 11	Nays: 7
	Amendment 423901 Withdrawn		
	Amendment 977659 Withdrawn		
PCB WMC 17-03	Favorable	Yeas: 12	Nays: 6

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### Attendance:

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Jim Boyd (Chair)	X		
Joseph Abruzzo	X		
Bruce Antone	X		
Loranne Ausley	X		
Halsey Beshears	X		
Colleen Burton	X		
Matt Caldwell	X		
Robert Cortes	X		
Jay Fant	X		
Joseph Geller	X		
Don Hahnfeldt	X		
Al Jacquet	X		
Evan Jenne	X		
Mike La Rosa	X		
Stan McClain	X		
Mike Miller	X		
Kathleen Peters	X		
Cyndi Stevenson	X		
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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## Ways & Means Committee

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**Location:** Morris Hall (17 HOB)

**CS/HB 49 : Ad Valorem Taxation**

*Favorable With Committee Substitute*

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Joseph Abruzzo	X				
Bruce Antone	X				
Loranne Ausley	X				
Halsey Beshears	X				
Colleen Burton	X				
Matt Caldwell	X				
Robert Cortes	X				
Jay Fant	X				
Joseph Geller	X				
Don Hahnfeldt	X				
Al Jacquet	X				
Evan Jenne	X				
Mike La Rosa	X				
Stan McClain	X				
Mike Miller	X				
Kathleen Peters	X				
Cyndi Stevenson	X				
Jim Boyd (Chair)	X				
<b>Total Yeas: 18</b>					
		<b>Total Nays: 0</b>			

**CS/HB 49 Amendments**

**Amendment 929475**

*Adopted Without Objection*

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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Y)N
FAILED TO ADOPT	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Ways & Means Committee  
 2 Representative Eagle offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

6 Section 1. Section 196.2003, Florida Statutes, is created  
7 to read:

8 196.2003 Abatement of taxes for residential improvements  
9 damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster.-

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

11 (a) "Damage differential" means the product arrived at by  
 12 multiplying the percent change in value by a ratio, the  
 13 numerator of which is the number of months the residential  
 14 improvement was rendered uninhabitable, the denominator of which  
 15 is 12.

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16        (b) "Disaster relief credit" means the product arrived at  
17 by multiplying the damage differential by the amount of timely  
18 paid taxes that were initially levied in the year the natural  
19 disaster occurred.

20        (c) "Natural disaster" means:

21        1. An event for which the Governor has declared a state of  
22 emergency under s. 252.36.

23        2. A sinkhole, as defined in s. 627.706(2).

24        (d) "Percent change in value" means the percentage  
25 difference between a residential parcel's just value as of  
26 January 1, 2016 and its postdisaster just value.

27        (e) "Postdisaster just value" means the just value of a  
28 residential parcel reflecting the destruction and damage caused  
29 by a natural disaster.

30        (f) "Residential improvement" or "improvement" means a  
31 residential dwelling or house but does not include a structure  
32 that is not essential to the use and occupancy of the  
33 residential dwelling or house, including, but not limited to, a  
34 detached utility building, detached carport, detached garage,  
35 bulkhead, fence, or swimming pool.

36        (g) "Uninhabitable" means the loss of use or occupancy of  
37 a residential improvement for the purpose for which it was  
38 constructed, as evidenced by documentation, including, but not  
39 limited to, utility bills, insurance information, contractors'

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40 statements, building permit applications, or building inspection  
41 certificates of occupancy.

42 (2) If a residential improvement is rendered uninhabitable  
43 due to damage or destruction to the property caused by a natural  
44 disaster during the 2016 calendar year, taxes initially levied  
45 in 2018 may be abated in the following manner:

46 (a) The property owner must file an application with the  
47 property appraiser as soon as practicable after the damage or  
48 destruction occurs but no later than March 1, 2018. A property  
49 owner who fails to file an application by March 1, 2018 waives a  
50 claim for abatement of taxes from that natural disaster.

51 (b) The application shall identify the residential parcel  
52 on which the residential improvement was damaged or destroyed by  
53 the natural disaster, the natural disaster that caused the  
54 damage or destruction, the date the damage or destruction  
55 occurred, and the number of months the property was  
56 uninhabitable during the 2016 calendar year.

57 (c) The application shall be verified under oath and is  
58 subject to penalty of perjury.

59 (d) Upon receipt of the application, the property  
60 appraiser shall investigate the statements contained in the  
61 application to determine if the applicant is entitled to an  
62 abatement of taxes. If the property appraiser determines that  
63 the applicant is entitled to an abatement, the property

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64 appraiser shall issue an official written statement to the tax  
65 collector no later than April 1, 2018 which provides:

66 1. The number of months during the calendar year that the  
67 residential improvement was uninhabitable. In calculating the  
68 number of months, a period of at least 16 days is considered a  
69 full month.

70 2. The just value of the residential parcel, as determined  
71 by the property appraiser, on January 1, 2016.

72 3. The postdisaster just value of the residential parcel,  
73 as determined by the property appraiser.

74 4. The percent change in value applicable to the  
75 residential parcel.

76 (3) Upon receipt of the written statement from the  
77 property appraiser, the tax collector shall calculate the damage  
78 differential and disaster relief credit pursuant to this  
79 section. The tax collector shall reduce the taxes initially  
80 levied on the residential parcel in 2018 by an amount equal to  
81 the disaster relief credit. If the value of the credit exceeds  
82 the taxes levied in 2018, the remaining value of the credit  
83 shall be applied to taxes due in subsequent years until the  
84 value of the credit is exhausted.

85 (4) No later than May 1, 2018 the tax collector shall  
86 notify:



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87 (a) The Department of Revenue of the total reduction in  
88 taxes for all properties that received an abatement pursuant to  
89 this section.

90 (b) The governing board of each affected local government  
91 of the reduction in such local government's taxes that will  
92 occur pursuant to this section.

93 (5) For purposes of this section, residential improvements  
94 that are uninhabitable shall have no value placed thereon.

95 (6) This section applies retroactively to January 1, 2016,  
96 and expires January 1, 2020.

97 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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**T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

100 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

101 An act relating to ad valorem taxation; creating s.

102 196.2003, F.S.; providing definitions; authorizing certain

103 property damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster in 2016

104 to receive an abatement of certain property taxes;

105 specifying procedures for a property owner to use in

106 applying for an abatement of taxes; requiring a property

107 appraiser to investigate the statements contained in

108 applications that are submitted; specifying procedures for

109 a property appraiser to use in notifying the tax collector

110 when an applicant is entitled to an abatement; providing

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112 duties of the tax collector relating to determining the  
113 amount of the disaster relief credit; requiring the tax  
114 collector to reduce taxes in specified manner; requiring  
115 the tax collector to notify the Department of Revenue and  
116 the local governing boards of reduction in taxes;  
117 prohibiting uninhabitable residential improvements from  
118 having any value placed thereon; providing retroactive  
119 applicability; providing for expiration; providing an  
120 effective date.

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# COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

## Ways & Means Committee

3/21/2017 4:00PM

**Location:** Morris Hall (17 HOB)

**PCS for HB 455 : Homestead Exemption for Totally and Permanently Disabled First Responders**

*Favorable With Amendment(s)*

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Joseph Abruzzo	X				
Bruce Antone	X				
Loranne Ausley	X				
Halsey Beshears	X				
Colleen Burton	X				
Matt Caldwell	X				
Robert Cortes	X				
Jay Fant	X				
Joseph Geller	X				
Don Hahnfeldt	X				
Al Jacquet	X				
Evan Jenne	X				
Mike La Rosa	X				
Stan McClain	X				
Mike Miller	X				
Kathleen Peters			X		
Cyndi Stevenson	X				
Jim Boyd (Chair)	X				
<b>Total Yeas: 17</b>		<b>Total Nays: 0</b>			

**PCS for HB 455 Amendments**

**Amendment PCS for HB 455 a1**

*Adopted Without Objection*

**Amendment PCS for HB 455 a2**

*Adopted Without Objection*

**Appearances:**

John Rivieria (Lobbyist) - Proponent  
 Florida Police Benevolent Association  
 President  
 300 East Brevard Street  
 Tallahassee FL 32301  
 Phone: 800-733-3722

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Bill No. PCS for HB 455 (2017)

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ADOPTED	—	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	—	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	✓	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	—	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	—	(Y/N)
OTHER	—	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Ways & Means Committee  
2 Representative Metz offered the following:

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4 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Remove lines 139-199 and insert:

6 ...(Physical or cognitive impairment that permanently prevents  
7 the applicant from rendering useful and efficient service as a  
8 first responder)...

9 ...(Chronic condition or chronic disease solely caused by an  
10 injury sustained in the line of duty as a first responder)...

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12 It is my professional belief that the above-named condition(s)  
13 permanently prevent(s) Mr.....Mrs.....Miss....  
14 Ms.....(applicant name)... from rendering useful and  
15 efficient service as a first responder, and that the foregoing  
16 statements are true, correct, and complete to the best of my

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17 knowledge and professional belief.

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19 Signature....

20 Address... (print)...

21 Date....

22 Florida Board of Medicine or Osteopathic Medicine license number

23 Issued on.....

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25 NOTICE TO TAXPAYER: Each Florida resident applying for an  
26 exemption due to a disability that occurred in the line of duty  
27 while serving as a first responder must present to the county  
28 property appraiser a copy of this form and a letter from the  
29 employer for whom the first responder worked at the time of the  
30 injury, as required by section 196.102(8), Florida Statutes.  
31 Each form is to be completed by a licensed Florida physician.

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33 NOTICE TO TAXPAYER AND PHYSICIAN: Section 196.131(2), Florida  
34 Statutes, provides that any person who knowingly and willingly  
35 gives false information for the purpose of claiming homestead  
36 exemption commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable  
37 by a term of imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not  
38 exceeding \$5,000, or both.

39 (8) An employer for whom the first responder worked at the  
40 time of the injury must provide a certificate that, at a  
41 minimum, attests and includes:

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- 42        (a) The title of the person signing the certificate.  
43        (b) The name and address of the employing entity.  
44        (c) A description of the incident that caused the injury or  
45 injuries.  
46        (d) A statement that the first responder's injury or  
47 injuries were:  
48            1. Directly and proximately caused by service in the line  
49 of duty.  
50            2. Without willful negligence on the part of the first  
51 responder.  
52            3. The sole cause of the first responder's total and  
53 permanent disability.  
54        (9) Any person who knowingly or willfully gives false  
55 information for the purpose of claiming homestead exemption as  
56 set forth in this section commits a misdemeanor of the first  
57 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or by fine of not  
58 more than \$5,000, or both.  
59        (10) The Department of Revenue may, and all conditions are  
60 deemed to be met to, adopt emergency rules pursuant to ss.  
61 120.536(1) and 120.54 to administer the application process for  
62 the 2017 calendar year. This subsection is repealed on August  
63 30, 2018.  
64        (11) The Department of Revenue may adopt rules to  
65 administer this section.  
66        (12) Notwithstanding s. 196.011 and this section, the  
67 deadline for a first responder to file an application with the

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68 property appraiser for an exemption under this section for the  
69 2017 tax year is August 1, 2017.

70 (13) If an application is not timely filed under subsection  
71 (12), a property appraiser may grant the exemption if:

72 (a) The applicant files an application for the exemption on  
73 or before the 25th day after the mailing of the notice required  
74 under s. 194.011(1) by the property appraiser during the 2017  
75 calendar year;

76 (b) The applicant is qualified for the exemption; and

77 (c) The applicant produces sufficient evidence, as  
78 determined by the property appraiser, which demonstrates that  
79 the applicant was unable to apply for the exemption in a timely  
80 manner or otherwise demonstrates extenuating circumstances that  
81 warrant granting the exemption.

82 (14) If the property appraiser denies an exemption under  
83 subsection (12) or subsection (13), the applicant may file,  
84 pursuant to s. 194.011(3), a petition with the value adjustment  
85 board requesting the exemption be granted. Notwithstanding s.  
86 194.013, the eligible first responder is not required to pay a  
87 filing fee for such petition filed on or before December 31,  
88 2017. Upon review of the petition, the

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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. PCS for HB 455 (2017)

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94 Remove lines 12-15 and insert:  
95 exemption; providing a criminal penalty for knowingly or  
96 willingly giving false information for a certain purpose;  
97 granting rulemaking authority; specifying a deadline for  
98 applying for the exemption; authorizing property  
99 appraisers, under certain circumstances, to grant  
100 exemptions for untimely filed applications; providing  
101 procedures and requirements for petitioning value  
102 adjustment boards regarding denied exemptions; providing  
103 applicability and construction; providing an effective  
104 date.

# COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

## Ways & Means Committee

3/21/2017 4:00PM

**Location:** Morris Hall (17 HOB)

**HB 1311 : Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District, Lee and Hendry Counties**

Favorable

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Joseph Abruzzo	X				
Bruce Antone	X				
Loranne Ausley	X				
Halsey Beshears	X				
Colleen Burton	X				
Matt Caldwell	X				
Robert Cortes	X				
Jay Fant	X				
Joseph Geller	X				
Don Hahnfeldt	X				
Al Jacquet	X				
Evan Jenne	X				
Mike La Rosa	X				
Stan McClain	X				
Mike Miller	X				
Kathleen Peters	X				
Cyndi Stevenson	X				
Jim Boyd (Chair)	X				
<b>Total Yeas: 18</b>		<b>Total Nays: 0</b>			

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## Ways & Means Committee

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**Location:** Morris Hall (17 HOB)

**HB 1401 : East Mulloch Drainage District, Lee County**

Favorable

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Joseph Abruzzo	X				
Bruce Antone	X				
Loranne Ausley	X				
Halsey Beshears	X				
Colleen Burton	X				
Matt Caldwell	X				
Robert Cortes	X				
Jay Fant	X				
Joseph Geller	X				
Don Hahnfeldt	X				
Al Jacquet	X				
Evan Jenne	X				
Mike La Rosa	X				
Stan McClain	X				
Mike Miller	X				
Kathleen Peters	X				
Cyndi Stevenson	X				
Jim Boyd (Chair)	X				
<b>Total Yeas: 18</b>		<b>Total Nays: 0</b>			

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# COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

## Ways & Means Committee

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Location: Morris Hall (17 HOB)

### HB 7037 : Gaming

Favorable

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Joseph Abruzzo		X			
Bruce Antone		X			
Loranne Ausley		X			
Halsey Beshears	X				
Colleen Burton	X				
Matt Caldwell	X				
Robert Cortes	X				
Jay Fant	X				
Joseph Geller		X			
Don Hahnfeldt	X				
Al Jacquet		X			
Evan Jenne		X			
Mike La Rosa	X				
Stan McClain		X			
Mike Miller	X				
Kathleen Peters	X				
Cyndi Stevenson	X				
Jim Boyd (Chair)	X				
<b>Total Yeas: 11</b>		<b>Total Nays: 7</b>			

### HB 7037 Amendments

#### Amendment 423901

Withdrawn

#### Amendment 977659

Withdrawn

### Appearances:

Bunkley, Bill (Lobbyist) - Opponent  
President, Florida Ethics and Religion Liberty Commission  
P.O Box 340288  
Tampa FL 33694  
Phone: (813) 264-2977

Kelly, Amber (Lobbyist) - Opponent  
Florida Family Action  
4853 S. Orange Avenuer  
Orlando FL 32806  
Phone: (850) 567-8143

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**Location:** Morris Hall (17 HOB)  
**HB 7037 : Gaming (continued)**

**Appearances: (continued)**

Geller, Steven (Lobbyist) - Information Only  
American Ambulance  
110 E Broward Blvd Ste 1700 200 E. Broward Blvd., Suite 1800  
Fort Lauderdale FL 33301-3500  
Phone: (954) 315-3926

MacFall, Katherine (Lobbyist) - Opponent  
Humane Society of the United States, The  
1624 Metropolitan Circle Ste B  
Tallahassee FL 32317-5273  
Phone: (850) 508-1001

Enwright, Randy (Lobbyist) - Proponent  
No Casinos, Inc  
420 E Jefferson St Ste 106  
Tallahassee FL 32301  
Phone: (850) 681-2909

French Brown (Lobbyist) - Proponent  
Florida Chamber of Commerce  
119 S. Monroe Street #300  
Tallahassee FL 32301  
Phone: 850-222-7500

Powell, Lonnie (Lobbyist) - Proponent  
801 SW 60th Ave  
Ocala FL 34474  
Phone: (352) 629-2160

Green, Jennifer (Lobbyist) - Information Only  
Florida Quarter Horse Racing Association  
Po Box 390  
Tallahassee FL 32302-0390  
Phone: (850) 841-1726

Kelly, Amber (Lobbyist) - Proponent  
Florida Family Action  
Legislative Assistant  
4853 S Orange Ave, Ste C  
Orlando FL  
Phone: (407) 418-0250

Cory, Jack (Lobbyist) - Information Only  
Florida Greyhound Association  
730 E Park Ave  
Tallahassee FL 32301  
Phone: (850) 681-1065

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**Location:** Morris Hall (17 HOB)

**HB 7037 : Gaming (continued)**

**Appearances: (continued)**

Kottkamp, Jeffrey (Lobbyist) - Proponent

Florida Greyhound Association

3311 Dartmoor Dr

Tallahassee FL 32312

Phone: (239) 297-9741

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ADOPTED	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u>    </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Ways & Means Committee  
 2 Representative Abruzzo offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Between lines 2021 and 2022, insert:

6 Section 13. Section 551.1015, Florida Statutes, is created  
7 to read:

8 551.1015 Class III games authorized.-

9 (1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.-It is the intent of the Legislature  
 10 to provide additional entertainment choices for the residents of  
 11 and visitors to the state, to promote tourism, and to provide  
 12 additional state revenues through the authorization of certain  
 13 slot machine gaming and other class III games or gaming at  
 14 licensed pari-mutuel facilities. To ensure the public confidence  
 15 in the integrity of authorized slot machine gaming and other  
 16 class III gaming operations, this section is designed to

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17 strictly regulate the facilities, persons, and procedures  
18 related to cardroom operations. Furthermore, the Legislature  
19 finds that games authorized under this section are considered to  
20 be pari-mutuel style games and not casino gaming because the  
21 participants play against each other instead of against the  
22 house.

23 (2) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the term  
24 “class III games or gaming” means the operation of slot  
25 machines, video race terminals, banked card games, raffles and  
26 drawings, and live table games at a licensed pari-mutuel  
27 facility pursuant to chapters 550 and 551, in conformity with  
28 rules promulgated by the Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering.

29 (3) AUTHORIZATION.—

30 (a) A licensed pari-mutuel facility located in the state  
31 may possess slot machines and conduct slot machine gaming or  
32 other class III games at the location where the pari-mutuel  
33 permitholder is authorized to conduct pari-mutuel wagering  
34 activities pursuant to such permitholder’s valid pari-mutuel  
35 permit, if:

36 1. A majority of voters in a countywide referendum in the  
37 county in which the facility is located have approved slot  
38 machines at the facility;

39 2. A majority of voters in a countywide referendum in the  
40 county in which the facility is located have approved the  
41 operation of class III gaming or games within the county at the



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42 facility; and

43 3. The governing body of the municipality, or the governing  
44 body of the county if the facility is not located in a  
45 municipality, has provided its approval under s. 551.1041.

46 (b) A licensed pari-mutuel permitholder authorized to  
47 conduct slot machine gaming on or before July 1, 2017, may  
48 conduct class III gaming or games at the location where the  
49 pari-mutuel permitholder is authorized to conduct pari-mutuel  
50 wagering activities pursuant to such permitholder's valid pari-  
51 mutuel permit.

52 (c) The expense of a referendum held under this subsection  
53 shall be borne by the pari-mutuel permitholder or permitholders  
54 who wish to conduct slot machine gaming or class III games or  
55 gaming within a county. If a special election is not held, the  
56 referendum shall be conducted at the next general election in  
57 that county.

58 (d)1. 35 percent of the net revenues from authorized class  
59 III gaming operations at a licensed pari-mutuel facility shall  
60 be designated as the local government share and shall be  
61 distributed to the governing body of the municipality, or the  
62 governing body of the county if the facility is not located in a  
63 municipality, for reduction of property taxes in the respective  
64 county or municipality.

65 2. The calculations necessary to determine the local  
66 government share of distributions shall be made by the Division

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67 of Pari-mutuel Wagering. The method of payment of the local  
68 government share attributable to each pari-mutuel facility shall  
69 be as required by the governing body as a condition of local  
70 government approval under subsection (4).

71 (4) LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL.—

72 (a) The Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering may not issue an  
73 initial license under this section except upon proof, in such  
74 form as the division may prescribe, that the local government  
75 where the applicant desires to conduct slot machine gaming or  
76 class III gaming or games has voted to approve such activity by  
77 a majority vote of the governing body of the municipality, or  
78 the governing body of the county if the facility is not located  
79 in a municipality. If the local government considers approval of  
80 such activity and a majority vote of the governing body of the  
81 municipality, or the governing body of the county if the  
82 facility is not located in a municipality, does not approve slot  
83 machine gaming, other class III games or gaming, or both, the  
84 matter may not be reconsidered for a period of 5 years after the  
85 date of the vote of the governing body. The governing body of  
86 the municipality, or the governing body of the county if the  
87 facility is not located in a municipality, and the pari-mutuel  
88 permitholder shall agree on the documentation required for  
89 confirmation and transmittal of the local government share  
90 payable by the permitholder.

91 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, it is not a crime for a

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92 person to participate in:

93 1. Slot machine gaming at a pari-mutuel facility licensed  
94 to possess slot machines and conduct slot machine gaming or to  
95 participate in slot machine gaming described in this section.

96 2. Class III gaming or games at a pari-mutuel facility  
97 licensed to possess class III gaming or games and to conduct  
98 class III gaming or games or to participate in class III gaming  
99 or games described in this section.

100 (5) RULEMAKING.—The division may adopt rules necessary to  
101 implement this section.

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104 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

105 Remove line 62 and insert:

106 certain cardroom games is not state action; creating s.

107 551.1015, F.S.; providing legislative intent; defining the term

108 "class III games or gaming"; authorizing certain licensed pari-

109 mutuel facilities to possess slot machines and conduct slot

110 machine gaming or other class III games at a specified location

111 under certain circumstances; providing that the expense of a

112 referendum shall be borne by the pari-mutuel permitholder or

113 permitholders who wish to conduct slot machine gaming or other

114 class III games; providing requirements for the referendum to

115 vote on the issue of slot machine gaming; requiring that a

116 specified percentage of revenues from authorized class III

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117 gaming be designated as the local government share; providing  
118 distribution requirements for the local government share;  
119 providing requirements for the division to approve an initial  
120 license; providing that it is not a crime for a person to  
121 participate in slot machine gaming or other class III gaming or  
122 games under certain circumstances; authorizing rulemaking;  
123 providing

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 7037 (2017)

Amendment No. AA1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Ways & Means Committee  
 2 Representative Abruzzo offered the following:

3  
 4 **Amendment to Amendment (977659) by Representative Abruzzo**  
 5 **(with title amendment)**

6 Between lines 70 and 71 of the amendment, insert:  
 7 (e) A licensed pari-mutuel facility located in Orange County may  
 8 not be authorized to possess slot machines and conduct slot  
 9 machine gaming or other class III gaming or games.

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 11 -----  
 12 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

13 Remove line 111 of the amendment and insert:  
 14 under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain licensed pari-  
 15 mutuel facilities from possessing slot machines and conducting

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16 slot machine gaming or other class III games; providing that the  
17 expense of a

# COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

## Ways & Means Committee

3/21/2017 4:00PM

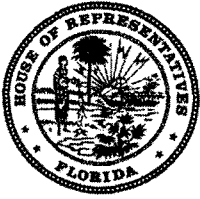
Location: Morris Hall (17 HOB)

PCB WMC 17-03 : Pro-growth Federal Tax Reform

Favorable

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Joseph Abruzzo		X			
Bruce Antone		X			
Loranne Ausley		X			
Halsey Beshears	X				
Colleen Burton	X				
Matt Caldwell	X				
Robert Cortes	X				
Jay Fant	X				
Joseph Geller		X			
Don Hahnfeldt	X				
Al Jacquet		X			
Evan Jenne		X			
Mike La Rosa	X				
Stan McClain	X				
Mike Miller	X				
Kathleen Peters	X				
Cyndi Stevenson	X				
Jim Boyd (Chair)	X				
	<b>Total Yeas: 12</b>	<b>Total Nays: 6</b>			

Committee meeting was reported out: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 5:59PM



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment
Bill/PCS/PCB Number: <u>455</u>	
Amendment Number: _____	

Name: JOHN RIVERIA

Representing: FLORIDA POLICE Benevolent Assc. PBA

Title: President

Address: 300 E. Broadway St

City: Tallahassee State/Zip: FL 32301

Phone Number: 800-733-3722 Meeting Date: 3/21/17

Committee/Subcommittee: Ways; Means Committee

Presentation/Workshop Topic: TAX Exemptions For FIRST Responders / Surviving Spouse

Registered Lobbyist: YES  NO

State Employee: YES  NO

- I wish to speak
- Appearing in response to an inquiry for information made by member, committee, or staff
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Bill/PCS/PCB Number: <u>7037</u>	
Amendment Number: <u>977659</u>	

Name: Bill Bunkley

Representing: FL Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission

Title: President

Address: PO Box 341644

City: Tampa State/Zip: FL 33696

Phone Number: 813-264-2977 Meeting Date: 3/21/17

Committee/Subcommittee: Ways & Means

Presentation/Workshop Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Lobbyist: YES  NO

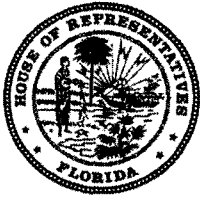
State Employee: YES  NO

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Bill [ ] Amendment [x]
Bill/PCS/PCB Number: 7037
Amendment Number: 977659

Name: Amber Kelly
Representing: Florida Family Action
Title: Director of Policy & Communications
Address: 4853 S. Orange Avenue
City: Orlando State/Zip: FL 32806
Phone Number: (856) 567-8143 Meeting Date: 3/21/17
Committee/Subcommittee: Ways & Means
Presentation/Workshop Topic:

Registered Lobbyist: YES [x] NO [ ]
State Employee: YES [ ] NO [x]

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Bill Number (If Applicable): <u>7037</u>	
PCB/PCS/Amendment #: _____	

Name: Steve Geller

Representing: Arise Gaming

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 110 E Broward Blvd, Ste 1700

Address (cont): \_\_\_\_\_

City: Ft Lauderdale

State: FL

Zip Code: 33301

Phone Number: (954) 629-7782

Meeting Time: 4pm

Committee/Subcommittee: WAYS AND MEANS

Presentation/Workshop Topic: Gaming Bill Player Banked Games

Registered Lobbyist:  Yes  No

State Employee:  Yes  No

(If you are testifying regarding an amendment, please indicate if your position as a proponent or an opponent is the same as on the bill as a whole.)

I Wish To Speak

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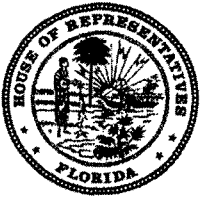
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Judge or elected officer appearing in official capacity

Lobbyist Appearance Form Submitted Online

Bill:  Proponent  Opponent  Info Only  N/A

Amendment:  Proponent  Opponent  Info Only  N/A



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Bill/PCS/PCB Number: <u>HB 7037</u>	
Amendment Number: _____	

Name: Kate Macfall

Representing: Homeowners Society of the United States

Title: State Director

Address: 1424 Metropolitan Circle

City: Tallahassee State/Zip: FL 32308

Phone Number: 850 508-1001 Meeting Date: 3/21/17

Committee/Subcommittee: Ways & Means Committee

Presentation/Workshop Topic: Gaming bill

Registered Lobbyist: YES  NO

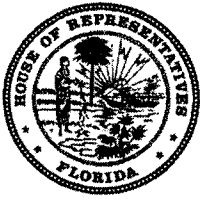
State Employee: YES  NO

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Bill/PCS/PCB Number: <u>HB7037</u>	
Amendment Number: _____	

Name: Randy Enwright

Representing: No Casinos

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 420 E. Jefferson Suite 106

City: Tallahassee State/Zip: Florida, 32301

Phone Number: 850-681-2909 Meeting Date: 3/21/17

Committee/Subcommittee: Ways & Means

Presentation/Workshop Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Lobbyist: YES  NO

State Employee: YES  NO

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Bill/PCS/PCB Number: <u>7037</u>	
Amendment Number: _____	

Name: FRENCH BROWN

Representing: FLORIDA CHAMBER OF Commerce

Title: Lobbyist; Hopping Green & Sons

Address: 118 South Monroe St., Suite 300

City: Tallahassee State/Zip: FL 32301

Phone Number: 850-222-7500 Meeting Date: 3/21/17

Committee/Subcommittee: Ways & Means

Presentation/Workshop Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Lobbyist: YES  NO

State Employee: YES  NO

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Bill/PCS/PCB Number: <u>HB 7037</u>	
Amendment Number: _____	

Name: Lonnie Powell

Representing: Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Ass.

Title: CEO

Address: 801 SW 64th Ave

City: Ocala State/Zip: FL 34474

Phone Number: 352-629-2160 Meeting Date: 3/21

Committee/Subcommittee: Ways + Means

Presentation/Workshop Topic: Coining

Registered Lobbyist: YES  NO

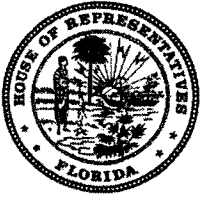
State Employee: YES  NO

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Amendment Number: _____	

Name: JENNIFER GREEN

Representing: FLORIDA QUANTERHORSE RACING ASSOCIATION

Title: CONSULTANT (FQHA)

Address: P.O. BOX 390

City: TLH FL State/Zip: 32302

Phone Number: 520-8009 Meeting Date: 3/21/17

Committee/Subcommittee: WAYS & MEANS

Presentation/Workshop Topic: GAMING

Registered Lobbyist: YES  NO

State Employee: YES  NO

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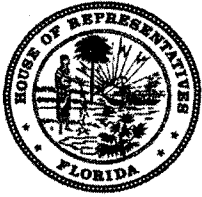
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Bill/PCS/PCB Number: 7037
Amendment Number: [ ]

Name: Amber Kelly
Representing: Florida Family Action
Title: Director of Policy & Communications
Address: 4853 S. Orange Avenue
City: Orlando State/Zip: FL 32806
Phone Number: (407) 418-0250 Meeting Date:
Committee/Subcommittee: Ways & Means
Presentation/Workshop Topic:

Registered Lobbyist: YES [checked] NO [ ]
State Employee: YES [ ] NO [checked]

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Bill

Amendment

Bill/PCS/PCB Number: 7073

Amendment Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: JACK CORY

Representing: Florida Greyhound Assoc

Title: National Greyhound Assoc

Address: 730 East Ford Ave

City: Tallahassee

State/Zip: Fla 32306

Phone Number: 850-566-9175

Meeting Date: 3/21/2017

Committee/Subcommittee: \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation/Workshop Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Lobbyist: YES  NO

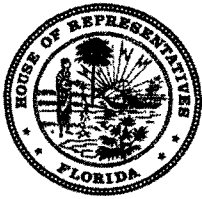
State Employee: YES  NO

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Bill/PCS/PCB Number: <u>7037</u>	
Amendment Number: _____	

Name: JEFF KOTTKAMP

Representing: Florida Greyhound Association

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee/Subcommittee: WAYS & MEANS

Presentation/Workshop Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Lobbyist: YES  NO

State Employee: YES  NO

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