CHAPTER 2007-163

Senate Bill No. 134

An act relating to cardrooms; amending s. 849.086, F.S.; providing for cardrooms to conduct games of dominoes; revising definitions; defining the term "dominoes"; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (a), (c), and (e) of subsection (2) and paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section 849.086, Florida Statutes, are amended, paragraphs (h), (i), (j), and (k) of subsection (2) of that section are redesignated as paragraphs (i), (j), (k), and (l), respectively, and a new paragraph (h) is added to that subsection, to read:

849.086 Cardrooms authorized.—

(2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

(a) "Authorized game" means a game or series of games of poker <u>or</u> <u>dominoes</u> which are played in a nonbanking manner.

(c) "Cardroom" means a facility where authorized card games are played for money or anything of value and to which the public is invited to participate in such games and charged a fee for participation by the operator of such facility. Authorized games and cardrooms do not constitute casino gaming operations.

(e) "Cardroom distributor" means any business that distributes cardroom paraphernalia such as card tables, betting chips, chip holders, <u>dominoes</u>, <u>dominoes</u> tables, drop boxes, banking supplies, playing cards, card shufflers, and other associated equipment to authorized cardrooms.

(h) "Dominoes" means a game of dominoes typically played with a set of 28 flat rectangular blocks, called bones, which are marked on one side and divided into two equal parts, with zero to six dots, called pips, in each part. The term also includes larger sets of blocks that contain a correspondingly higher number of pips. The term also means the set of blocks used to play the game.

(6) BUSINESS AND EMPLOYEE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE RE-QUIRED; APPLICATION; FEES.—

(a) A person employed or otherwise working in a cardroom as a cardroom manager, floor supervisor, pit boss, dealer, or any other activity related to cardroom operations while the facility is conducting card playing <u>or games</u> <u>of dominoes</u> must hold a valid cardroom employee occupational license issued by the division. Food service, maintenance, and security employees with a current pari-mutuel occupational license and a current background check will not be required to have a cardroom employee occupational license.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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