

Florida Family Action Urges the Florida Legislature to Reject Gambling Expansion

THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Vote NO on HB 7129 Seminole Indian Compact

- Expands Class III Slot Machines to 7 Seminole facilities

Vote NO on HB 7145 Pari-Mutuel Industry Expansion

- Adds thoroughbreds as a racing option for quarter horse permit holders
 - Removes certain prohibitions on intertrack wagering
 - Lowers the annual license fee for operating Slot Machines
 - Lowers the tax rate on Slot Machines from 50% to 36%
 - Expands the legal hours of Card Rooms from 12 to 24 hours
 - Increases the wager limits from \$5 to \$50 per bet
 - Increases the buy-in for no-limit Texas Hold-em from \$100 to \$1,000
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THE FLORIDA SENATE

Vote NO on SB 788 Seminole Indian Compact

- Expands Class III Slot Machines to 7 Seminole facilities
- Expands Class III games (baccarat, chemin de fer, and blackjack) to Seminole facilities
- Expands Las Vegas style roulette and craps to Seminole facilities.
- Permits Class III gambling expansion in the West Panhandle with no lost Compact revenue.

Vote NO on SB 836 Pari-Mutuel Industry Expansion

- Expands Electronic Gaming Machines to locations without Slot Machines
 - Lowers the tax rate on Slot Machines from 50% to 35%
 - Lowers the legal age for playing Slot Machines from 21 to 18
 - Extends the hours of Card Room operation up to 24 hours on the weekends
 - Expands Blackjack to Broward and Miami-Dade pari-mutuels
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FLORIDA GAMBLING FACTS:

- 3.8% (37,355) adolescents (ages 13-17) in Florida are problem or pathological gamblers. (1)
- 8.2% (80,608) adolescents are at-risk gamblers (1)
- Nearly 1 million Florida adults experience serious to severe gambling difficulties. (1)
- Slot Machines are the most quickly addicting form of gambling -1 year vs. 3.5 for other forms (2)
- Gambling fails a cost-benefit test. \$1 of revenue leads to \$3 of government expenditures (2)

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