

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to Seminole gaming compact ratification;
3 creating s. 285.712, F.S.; providing that a gaming compact
4 between the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the State of
5 Florida executed by the Governor is ratified and approved;
6 directing the Governor to cooperate with the Seminole
7 Tribe in seeking approval of the compact from the U.S.
8 Secretary of the Interior; providing for legislative
9 approval of amendments; directing the Governor to preserve
10 documents relating to the intent or interpretation of the
11 compact; authorizing certain games to be conducted by the
12 Seminole Tribe; providing that it is not a crime to
13 participate in such games; repealing ss. 285.710 and
14 285.711, F.S., relating to a gaming compact between the
15 Seminole Tribe and the State of Florida; providing an
16 effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. Section 285.712, Florida Statutes, is created
21 to read:

22 285.712 Gaming compact authorization.—

23 (1) The gaming compact between the Seminole Tribe of
24 Florida and the State of Florida executed by the Governor on
25 behalf of the state and submitted to the Legislature for
26 approval on August 31, 2009, is hereby ratified and approved.
27 The Governor shall cooperate with the Seminole Tribe in seeking
28 approval of the compact from the United States Secretary of the
29 Interior.

30 (2) Any amendment to the compact shall require
31 ratification by the Legislature.

32 (3) The Governor shall provide a copy of any amendment to
33 the compact to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of
34 the House of Representatives as soon as it is executed and
35 before its submission to the United States Department of the
36 Interior. Amendments shall not be submitted to the United States
37 Department of the Interior for approval until ratification by
38 the Legislature has occurred.

39 (4) The Governor shall preserve all documents, if any,
40 that relate to the intent or interpretation of the compact and
41 shall maintain such documents for at least the term of the
42 compact.

43 (5) For the purpose of satisfying the requirement in 25
44 U.S.C. s. 2710(d)(1)(B) that the gaming activities authorized
45 under an Indian gaming compact must be permitted in the state
46 for any purpose by any person, organization, or entity, the
47 following Class III games or other games specified in this
48 section are hereby authorized to be conducted by the Seminole
49 Tribe of Florida pursuant to the compact approved in this
50 section:

51 (a) Slot machines, as defined in s. 551.102(8).

52 (b) Games of poker without betting limits if such games
53 are authorized in this state to any person for any purpose.

54 (c) Banking or banked card games, including baccarat,
55 chemin de fer, and blackjack or 21.

56 (d) Raffles and drawings.

57 (6) Notwithstanding any other provision of state law, it
58 is not a crime for a person to participate in the games

59 specified in subsection (5) at a tribal facility operating under
60 a compact entered into pursuant to this section.

61 Section 2. Sections 285.710 and 285.711, Florida Statutes,
62 are repealed.

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