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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to the Town of White Hall in Lowndes
14 County, to allow locations authorized by the Town Council of
15 the Town of White Hall to conduct charitable bingo pursuant to
16 Amendment 624 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to
17 conduct pari-mutuel wagering on simulcast horse and dog races.
18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

19 Section 1. As used in this act, the following words
20 have the following meanings:

21 (1) COUNCIL. The Town Council of the Town of White
22 Hall in Lowndes County.

23 (2) LICENSEE. A person licensed by the council to
24 conduct charitable bingo pursuant to Amendment 624 of the
25 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Official
26 Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, Local
27 Amendments, Lowndes County, Section 3 (Amendment 624).

1 Section 2. The council may authorize a licensee to
2 conduct pari-mutuel wagering on televised simulcast horse and
3 greyhound races.

4 Section 3. (a) The council shall adopt rules
5 specifying the conditions under which a licensee, as part of
6 its licensed activity, may cause televised simulcast
7 programming of racing events, including both horse racing and
8 greyhound racing, held at racetracks located outside the state
9 to be transmitted for public viewing to the licensee and there
10 made the subject of pari-mutuel wagering. Subject to the
11 exceptions as the council may approve by rule in order to
12 satisfy applicable requirements of federal law, all
13 pari-mutuel wagering with respect to racing events that are
14 the subject of televised simulcast programming shall be
15 subject to the rules of the council of governing pari-mutuel
16 wagering. The council shall be entitled to no revenues from
17 the televised simulcast programming of racing events other
18 than: (1) the commission horse wagering fee due with respect
19 to that part of the horse racing handle wagered in televised
20 horse racing events by bettors placing their bets at a
21 facility in the jurisdiction of the council; and (2) the
22 commission greyhound wagering fee due with respect to that
23 part of the greyhound wagering handle wagered on televised
24 greyhound racing events by bettors placing their bets at a
25 facility in the jurisdiction of the council.

26 (b) If permitted by federal law and made possible by
27 contractual arrangements with the operator of the racetrack

1 that originates the simulcast programming, a licensee may
2 conduct pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing or greyhound
3 racing events televised to a facility in the municipal
4 jurisdiction of the council from locations outside the state.
5 In such case, the pari-mutuel pools for such wagering may be
6 limited to bets made by bettors placing their bets at the
7 facility located in the jurisdiction of the council or,
8 alternatively, the pari-mutuel pools may include bets made by
9 bettors placing their bets at the facility that conducts the
10 televised event, as well as bets made by bettors placing their
11 bets at one or more locations outside the state; provided that
12 to the extent bettors placing their bets at a facility located
13 in the jurisdiction of the council participate in the
14 pari-mutuel pools, the total amount wagered by the bettors
15 shall be administered in accordance with the rules of the
16 council.

17 (c) Nothing contained in this section shall be
18 construed to authorize or make lawful "off-track betting" or
19 wagering or gambling of any kind at any location in the state
20 other than a facility licensed by the council. All laws of the
21 state, whether local or general, and all ordinances of any
22 political subdivision thereof, that prohibit, restrict, or
23 regulate wagering or gambling of any kind outside the
24 jurisdiction of the council shall not be affected by this act,
25 and shall remain in full force and effect.

1 Section 4. This act shall become effective on the
2 first day of the third month following its passage and
3 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.