

Video Lottery Machines (Class II)

vs.

Las Vegas-style Slot Machines (Class III)

- The Native American Casinos in Tampa, Immokalee and Okeechobee currently offer Class II Video Lottery Machines. If the Florida Legislature allows only this style of Class II machine for the Broward pari-mutuals, there will be no new gambling games offered in Florida. However, if the Legislature allows Class III Las Vegas-style slot machines in Broward, those Native American facilities will be automatically awarded them as well.
- The play of a Class II Video Lottery Machines takes longer from the start of the game to the finish compared to a Class III Las Vegas-style slot machine. Therefore, there are fewer plays per day. Class III Las Vegas-style slots games are more frequent, allowing for more opportunity for Floridians to lose money.
- According to a January 2005 FDLE report, video poker and Class III Las Vegas-style slots have been named as the most addictive of all gaming activities.
- The FDLE report states that “convenience” gambling (such as slot machines and video poker) appear to much higher costs than “destination” gambling (mega-casinos like in Las Vegas) as local residents and addictive gamblers are more likely to access convenience gambling.
- Unlike Las Vegas or Atlantic City where casino patrons are primarily tourists, Florida residents will likely be the primary source for revenue for these pari-mutuals. Consequently, Florida alone will feel the effects of the gambling industry, not our surrounding neighbors.

How Can You Help?

Call the leaders of the Florida Legislature and tell them to only allow Class II Video Lottery machines in Broward pari-mutuals:

Representative Allan Bense –
Speaker, Florida House of Representatives
The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399
Phone: 850-488-1450

Senator Tom Lee – President, Florida Senate
The Capitol
Suite 409
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100
Phone: 850-487-5229

Call Gov. Jeb Bush and ask him to add the issue of repealing Amendment 4, the slot-machine amendment, during the upcoming special session:

Governor Jeb Bush
Executive Office of the Governor
The Capitol
Tallahassee, Fl. 32399-0001
Phone: 850-488-4441