

FTBOA MEMBER FAQ

(LEGISLATIVE SESSION & INDUSTRY ALIGNMENT)

Q: If a bill passes the House, does that mean it will become law?

A: No. Florida's legislative process requires a bill to pass both the House and the Senate, often in different forms, before it can move forward. Each chamber evaluates legislation independently, and many bills that advance in one chamber do not advance in the other.

Q: Why shouldn't members panic if a bill moves early?

A: Early movement is common and part of the legislative process. Committee approvals or House passage do not signal a final outcome. The process includes multiple stages, negotiations, and opportunities for advocacy.

Q: What is different this year compared to prior sessions?

A: This year, there is unprecedented alignment across the Florida Thoroughbred industry. FTBOA, TRI, OBS, the Florida HBPA, and the Tampa Bay HBPA all stood together in opposition to the first filing of HB 881. This unified position strengthens credibility and influence in Tallahassee.

Q: Why is industry alignment so important?

A: Legislators respond best to clear, consistent messages. When breeders, owners, sales companies, and horsemen speak with one voice, it demonstrates shared priorities and strengthens the case for protecting Florida's Thoroughbred industry.

Q: What is FTBOA doing during session?

A: FTBOA is actively engaged through meetings with legislators, ongoing coordination with partner organizations, strategic advocacy, and continuous communication with members. This work began well before session and continues throughout.

Q: Where can members find accurate, up-to-date information?

A: Members should regularly visit www.ftboa.com, where FTBOA will post legislative updates, announcements, and important industry information throughout the session.

