

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 435

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

GAMBLING/VIDEO POKER: Provides relative to video draw poker devices

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 27:402(18) and 405(C)(1) through (5), relative to video draw
3 poker devices; to provide relative to the definition of video draw poker; to provide
4 relative to the games offered by video draw poker devices; to provide relative to the
5 method of operation of the games of video draw poker or card games; and to provide
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 27:402(18) and 405(C)(1) through (5) are hereby amended and
9 reenacted to read as follows:

10 §402. Definitions

11 As used in this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the
12 following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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14 (18) "Video draw poker" means any card game approved by the division that
15 utilizes one ~~deck~~ or more decks of cards per hand with multiple hands permitted per
16 game.

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18 §405. Description and specifications of devices

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1 C. Each video draw poker device shall offer the game of draw poker or such
2 other card games as are approved by the division and have the following method of
3 operation:

4 (1) The cards ~~must shall~~ be shuffled after each hand is dealt.

5 (2) Each hand ~~must shall~~ utilize ~~a deck~~ one or more decks of cards consisting
6 of fifty-two standard playing cards each, and up to two jokers per deck may also be
7 used. The ~~deck must~~ decks shall be shuffled by use of a random number generator
8 to exchange each card in ~~the~~ a deck with another randomly selected card.

9 (3) After shuffling, a required number of cards ~~must shall~~ be dealt from the
10 top of ~~the~~ a deck.

11 (4) Any discarded cards ~~must shall~~ be replaced by remaining cards in ~~the~~ a
12 deck, starting with the next subsequent card and using the cards in the order of the
13 deck.

14 (5) The game ~~must shall~~ display the hands for which won games or credits
15 will be awarded and the number of won games or credits for each hand, not to
16 exceed the value of one thousand dollars.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Amends the definition of video draw poker and provides relative to the operation of games offered by video draw poker devices and other such card games.

Present law defines "video draw poker" as any card game approved by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, that utilizes one deck of cards per hand with multiple hands permitted per game.

Proposed law amends the present law definition of "video draw poker device" to include one or more decks of cards per hand with multiple hands permitted per game.

Present law provides that each video draw poker device shall offer the game of draw poker or other such card games that are approved by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, and have certain methods of operations as provided by present law.

Present law requires each hand to utilize a deck of cards consisting of 52 standard playing cards, and up to two jokers may also be used. Requires the deck to be shuffled by use of a random number generator to exchange each card in the deck with another randomly selected card.

Proposed law amends present law to require each hand to utilize one or more decks of cards consisting of 52 standard playing cards each, and up to two jokers per deck may also be used. The decks shall be shuffled by use of a random number generator to exchange each card in a deck with another randomly selected card.

(Amends R.S. 27:402(18) and 405(C)(1)-(5))