

ACT No. 427

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 541

BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 27:30.6(A)(2), (3), and (4) and (B) through (F) and to repeal R.S.
3 27:30.6(G) and (I), relative to electronic gaming devices; to provide relative to the
4 monitoring and reading of certain gaming devices; to provide that electronic gaming
5 devices at certain gaming establishments shall be connected to a licensee's central
6 computer system, casino management system, and slot machine management system
7 for the purpose of monitoring device activities; to provide relative to monitoring or
8 reading of personal or financial information concerning patrons of gaming activities
9 conducted on riverboats or live racing facilities; to provide relative to the assessment
10 and collection of fees; and to provide for related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 27:30.6(A)(2), (3), and (4) and (B) through (F) are hereby amended
13 and reenacted to read as follows:

14 §30.6. Electronic gaming devices; licensee's central computer system

15 A. The legislature hereby finds and declares that:

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17 (2) In order to maintain the security and integrity of electronic gaming
18 devices and for ensuring accurate and thorough accounting procedures, the law
19 mandates that all licensed video draw poker devices, video pull-tabs, electronic
20 gaming devices on licensed riverboats, and slot machines at live racing facilities be
21 connected to a ~~central computer~~ each licensee's central computer system, casino
22 management system, and slot machine management system as applicable, to which
23 the division and board have complete and unrestricted access to the information
24 contained therein. Likewise the casino operating contract provides for complete and
25 unrestricted access to information contained within their centralized computer to the
26 office of state police and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. The legislature finds

1 that it is in the best interest of the state and the general public that all electronic
2 gaming devices licensed in this state should be subject to this type of monitoring ~~and~~
3 ~~accordingly that all electronic gaming devices should be linked by~~
4 ~~telecommunication to a central computer system.~~

5 (3) The present level of technology in electronic gaming devices makes it
6 both feasible and efficacious to require all electronic gaming devices on licensed
7 riverboats in this state to be linked by telecommunication to a ~~central~~ licensee's
8 computer system which will facilitate the monitoring and reading of the devices for
9 the purposes of maintaining the security and integrity of the devices and the integrity
10 of the information reported to the system, in order to ensure that licensees meet their
11 financial obligations to the state.

12 (4) The most efficient, accurate, and honest regulation of the gaming
13 industry in this state can best be facilitated by establishing a ~~central~~ licensee
14 computer system under which all electronic gaming devices will be linked to that
15 system by telecommunication to provide superior capability of auditing, reporting,
16 and regulation of that industry.

17 B. Any electronic gaming device which is included in the definition of
18 "game", "gaming device", and "gaming equipment", as provided for in R.S.
19 27:44~~(10)~~ or ~~(12)~~ or in the definition of "slot machine" as provided for in R.S.
20 27:44~~(24)~~ or 353~~(14)~~, or which is included in the definitions in the rules adopted or
21 enforced by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, or which is otherwise regulated
22 by Chapters 4 and 7 of this Title shall be linked by telecommunication to a ~~central~~
23 the licensee's computer system for purposes of monitoring and reading device
24 activities as provided for in this Section.

25 C. The provisions of this Section shall apply to any electronic gaming device
26 operated by the holder of a license as defined in R.S. 27:44~~(14)~~ and regulated by the
27 provisions of Chapter 4 of this Title and to any electronic gaming device operated
28 by the holder of a license as defined in R.S. 27:353~~(5)~~ and regulated by the
29 provisions of Chapter 7 of this Title.

1 D. The ~~central~~ licensee's computer system authorized by the provisions of
 2 this Section shall be designed and operated to allow the monitoring and reading of
 3 electronic gaming devices on licensed riverboats and at live racing facilities for the
 4 purposes of maintaining the security and integrity of the devices and the integrity of
 5 the information reported to the system, so that the fiscal responsibility of the
 6 licensees with regard to their obligations to the state will be ensured. ~~The central~~
 7 ~~computer system authorized by the provisions of this Section shall be administered~~
 8 ~~by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, gaming~~
 9 ~~division.~~

10 E. The ~~central~~ licensee's computer system shall be capable of monitoring and
 11 reading financial aspects of each electronic gaming device such as cash in, cash out,
 12 amount played, amount won, games played, and games won. As used in this
 13 Subsection, "cash" means coins, currency, tokens, credits, or any other thing of value
 14 which is used to play or operate an electronic gaming device or which is used to pay
 15 the winnings from playing or operating an electronic gaming device.

16 F. The ~~central~~ licensee's computer system shall provide for the monitoring
 17 and reading of exception code reporting such as an on-line computer alert, alarm
 18 monitoring capability to ensure direct scrutiny of conditions detected and reported
 19 by the electronic gaming device, including any device malfunction, any type of
 20 tampering, and any open door to the drop area.

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22 Section 2. R.S. 27:30.6(G) and (I) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____