AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:714(C), 724(B)(1) and (9), 732(B)(2) and (I), and 740(A), to enact R.S. 4:724(B)(10), and to repeal R.S. 4:739(E)(1) and (2), relative to charitable gaming; to provide relative to the use of electronic or video bingo games; to provide relative to the cost of each game play; to require machines to accept any denomination of cash in the form of bills or tickets; to provide relative to the limit for the mega jackpot for progressive mega jackpot bingo games; to provide relative to sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo on Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Devices; to provide relative to the number of electronic dabber devices issued to patrons who purchase bingo paper packs; to provide relative to the conducting and regulation of charitable gaming; to provide relative to sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo on Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Devices; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1.  R.S. 4:714(C), 724(B)(1) and (9), 732(B)(2) and (I), and 740(A) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 4:724(B)(10) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§714.  Restrictions; requirements; transfers; prohibitions

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C.(1)  Each licensee shall designate an active member and a sufficient number of alternate members of the organization to be in charge of and primarily responsible for each session of a game of chance. Such individual, or alternates, who

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shall be designated as the member-in-charge, shall supervise all activities of such
session and be responsible for the conduct of all games of such session. The
member-in-charge or alternate shall be present at all times on the premises during the
session. **In addition, each** The provisions of this Paragraph shall only apply to call
bingo sessions.

(2) Each licensee shall designate an active member of the organization to be
responsible for the documentation of receipts and disbursements as well as the
maintenance of all financial records. Such individual designated shall have been a
member in good standing of the organization and shall be familiar with the
provisions of this Chapter, applicable local ordinances and regulations, and the rules
and regulations of the office.

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§724. Use of electronic or video bingo games

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B. Any such electronic bingo machine shall be subject to the following
requirements and restrictions concerning its operation and use:

(1) The cost of each game play shall be not less than twenty-five cents nor
more than **one dollar four dollars**.

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(9) A machine shall have a mechanism that accepts any denomination of
cash in the form of bills or tickets verifiable as valid indicating the ticket value.

(10) No person under the age of eighteen shall assist in the holding,
operation, or conducting of electronic or video bingo games.

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§732. Progressive bingo

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are additions.
(2) The mega jackpot for a progressive mega jackpot bingo game played pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of this Section and networked or linked together pursuant to Subsection G of this Section may exceed the limit established in R.S. 4:714, but shall not exceed ten thirty thousand dollars. Portions of players' contributions to progressive mega jackpot bingo games may be used for consolation prizes and to contribute to the progressive mega prize pool and shall not be considered part of the limit established in R.S. 4:714(B).

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I. Sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo on an Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device for any organization shall not exceed six thirty games per hour and shall not exceed the gross sales of bingo and pull-tabs in a single reporting quarter for any organization. The office may suspend the sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo for any organization that violates the provisions of this Subsection until the organization becomes compliant.

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§740. Session defined

A. A session represents authorized games of chance played within a time limit not to exceed eight consecutive hours; with a minimum of twelve hours between sessions. A licensee may operate no more than five premises for the purpose of charitable gaming activities, however, each licensee may only have one session at each premise per twelve hour period. A session of keno or bingo when the licensee possesses a special license is limited to six eight consecutive hours. Sessions are limited to not more than one session per calendar day per licensee. Organizations are not allowed to begin their session until the stated time on their license issued by the office.

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Section 2. R.S. 4:739(E)(1) and (2) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

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DIGEST

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HB 996 Engrossed 2022 Regular Session Bryant

Abstract: Provides relative to requirements for certain members of a charitable organization, provides relative to electronic video bingo machines, increases the limit for the mega jackpot for a progressive mega jackpot bingo game, and provides relative to the definition of a session.

Present law (R.S. 4:714(C)) provides that a member of a licensed charity must be present during any bingo games.

Proposed law amends present law to require a member of the licensed charity to be present only during call bingo games.

Present law (R.S. 4:724(B)) provides relative to requirements and restrictions for electronic video bingo machines. Provides that the cost of each game shall not be less than 25¢ nor more than one dollar.

Proposed law provides that the cost of each game shall not be less than 25¢ nor more than four dollars. Further requires electronic video bingo machines to have a mechanism that accepts any denomination of cash in the form of bills or tickets verifiable as valid indicating the ticket value.

Present law (R.S. 4:732(B)(2)) provides that the mega jackpot for a progressive mega jackpot bingo game, networked or linked together through the use of Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Devices, may exceed the present law prize limit of $4,500, but shall not exceed $10,000.

Proposed law provides that the mega jackpot for a progressive mega jackpot bingo game, networked or linked together through the use of Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Devices, may exceed $4,500, but shall not exceed $30,000.

Present law (R.S. 4:732(I)) provides that sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo on an Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device for any organization shall not exceed six games per hour and shall not exceed the gross sales of bingo and pull-tabs in a single reporting quarter for any organization. Authorizes the office of charitable gaming to suspend the sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo for any organization that violates present law until the organization becomes compliant.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that the sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo on an Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device for any organization shall not exceed 30 games per hour. Proposed law removes the present law prohibition that the sales shall not exceed the gross sales of bingo and pull-tabs in a single reporting quarter for any organization.

Present law (R.S. 4:739(E)(1) and (2)) provides that no more than two electronic dabber devices may be issued to any patron who has purchased bingo paper packs for use with the device. Further requires at least one electronic dabber device to be used as a back up in the event a device in play malfunctions.

Proposed law repeals present law.
Present law (R.S. 4:740(A)) provides for the definition of a session, which shall not exceed eight consecutive hours with a minimum of 12 hours between sessions. Further provides that a session of keno or bingo when the licensee possesses a special license is limited to six consecutive hours.

Proposed law amends present law to remove the minimum of twelve hours between sessions. Authorizes a licensee to operate no more than five premises for the purpose of charitable gaming activities. Further provides that a session of keno or bingo when the licensee possesses a special license is limited to eight consecutive hours.

(Amends R.S. 4:714(C), 724(B)(1) and (9), 732(B)(2) and (I), and 740(A); Adds R.S. 4:724(B)(10); Repeals R.S. 4:739(E)(1) and (2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

1. Require a member of the licensed charity to be present only during call bingo games.

2. Provide that sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo on an Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device shall not exceed 30 games per hour rather than six games per hour and remove the prohibition that the sales shall not exceed the gross sales of bingo and pull-tabs in a single reporting quarter for any organization.

3. Relative to the definition of a session, remove the present law minimum of 12 hours between sessions, authorize a licensee to operate at no more than five premises for the purpose of charitable gaming activities, and provide that a session is limited to eight consecutive hours rather than six consecutive hours when the licensee possesses a special license.

4. Repeal present law which requires at least one electronic dabber device to be used as a back up in the event a device in play malfunctions.