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. 4:707(E)(7) and (H)(4) and 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 for raffles; 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; to provide for definitions; 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. 4:707(E)(7) and (H)(4) and 724(B)(10) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§707. Authorization to license certain organizations; exemption; requirement for state license

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E. In addition to the provisions of R.S. 4:703, the following definitions shall apply for the purposes of this Section:

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(7) "Coastal conservation association" shall mean a member-based organization domiciled in this state operated for the purpose of promoting marine wildlife and habitat conservation and whose mission is to promote and enhance the present and future availability of coastal resources for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public.

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(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, a coastal conservation association as defined in R.S. 4:707(E)(7) shall be exempt from the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, strictly for the purposes of conducting the game of chance commonly known as raffle or raffles as defined in R.S. 4:707(A)(1).

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§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 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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(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 premises. 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.