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DIGEST

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Present law provides for definitions relative to the licensing of certain organizations to conduct charitable raffles, bingo, and keno.

Proposed law adds the definition of "nonprofit healthcare organization" to mean any organization that provides healthcare services, together with their parent organizations, affiliates, subsidiaries and foundations, that is licensed or chartered in this state, is affiliated with a hospital, and is exempt from federal and state taxation pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code and applicable provisions of Louisiana law.

Proposed law provides that a nonprofit healthcare organization not be required to obtain a license in order to hold, operate or conduct a raffle as defined in present law.

Proposed law provides that the nonprofit healthcare organization not be required to obtain any license as described in present law, from a governing authority of any municipality or parish.

Effective August 1, 2026

(Amends R.S. 4:707(E)(5), (6), (7), (8) and (9); adds R.S. 4:707(E)(10) and (H)(5))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Limits the exemption from licensure for nonprofit healthcare organizations to the operation of raffles only.

2. Eliminates a notification requirement contained in proposed law.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical change.

2. Adds requirement that a "nonprofit healthcare organization" be affiliated with a hospital.