

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 323

BY REPRESENTATIVE FRANKLIN

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

GAMBLING/CHARITABLE: Provides with respect to the operation of charitable bingo

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:732(A) through (E)(introductory paragraph) and (G) and 739(A)(1) and (2)(e) and (F) and to enact R.S. 4:707(J), 732(H) and (I), and 739(A)(2)(f), relative to charitable gaming; to authorize the conducting of progressive mega jackpot bingo; to provide with respect to jackpots for progressive bingo and progressive mega jackpot bingo games; to provide for exceptions to amount of prizes awarded during a bingo session; to provide for applicability; to provide relative to the net profit charitable organizations and distributors receive from progressive bingo and progressive mega jackpot bingo games; to provide with respect to Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Devices; to allow those devices to provide for networking of charitable gaming organizations; to provide relative to the sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo; to provide for player tracking; to provide relative to regulatory authority; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 4:732(A) through (E)(introductory paragraph) and (G) and 739(A)(1) and (2)(e) and (F) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 4:707(J), 732(H) and (I), and 739(A)(2)(f) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

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1 linked together pursuant to Subsection G of this Section may exceed the limit  
2 established in R.S. 4:714, but shall not exceed ten thousand dollars. Portions of  
3 players' contributions to progressive mega jackpot bingo games may be used for  
4 consolation prizes and to contribute to the progressive mega prize pool and shall not  
5 be considered part of the limit established in R.S. 4:714(B).

6 C. ~~Such game~~ If required, such games shall be offered in accordance with  
7 rules and regulations adopted by the governing authority of each municipality or the  
8 parish which issued a license to any respective organization which participates in a  
9 progressive mega jackpot bingo game, and in accordance with the rules and  
10 regulations adopted by the office in Subsection D of this Section.

11 D. The office shall adopt rules and regulations governing progressive bingo  
12 and progressive mega jackpot bingo games to ~~insure~~ ensure compliance with the  
13 provisions of this Chapter and any additional regulations of the state relative to  
14 charitable gaming laws.

15 E. Any licensed charitable organization or organizations playing at the same  
16 location may conduct progressive ~~blackout~~ bingo games in accordance with rules  
17 established and in effect on August 15, 1995, and as follows:

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19 G. Organizations may network or link together, including through the use of  
20 an Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device to conduct progressive mega jackpot bingo  
21 games, as provided in Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section, provided the local governing  
22 authority of each parish has authorized the conducting of such games in the parish.

23 H. Eighty percent of the net win from the progressive bingo and progressive  
24 mega jackpot bingo games shall be paid to the charitable organization as defined in  
25 R.S. 4:703(1). Twenty percent of the net win from the progressive bingo and  
26 progressive mega jackpot bingo games shall be paid to the distributor as defined in  
27 R.S. 4:703(3).

28 I. Sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo on an Electronic Bingo Card  
29 Dabber Device for any organization shall not exceed six games per hour and shall



1 authorized to provide electronic dabber devices or a list of acceptable models of the  
2 devices, acceptable serial numbers on such models, or manufacturers, distributors,  
3 or suppliers.

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### DIGEST

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HB 323 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides for progressive mega jackpot bingo and the use of dabber devices.

Present law provides for the conducting of bingo, raffles, electronic pull tabs, and electronic video bingo by charitable gaming organizations.

Present law provides for the regulation of these activities by the office of charitable gaming, Dept. of Revenue.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for the use of electronic bingo card dabber devices and provides for the function of these devices.

Proposed law expands the functions of bingo card dabber devices to include networking of charitable gaming organizations, player tracking, and accounting functions related to bingo, progressive bingo, and progressive mega bingo games.

Present law requires a predetermined amount, not to exceed \$200, to be deposited into a special account before each bingo gaming session, and to constitute a part of the total amount of prizes awarded during that session.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that for a progressive bingo game, the predetermined amount of money that is deposited into a special account cannot to exceed \$200 and shall not constitute a part of the total amount of prizes awarded during that session.

Proposed law provides, for progressive mega jackpot bingo, that all contributions shall not constitute part of the total amount of prizes awarded during a session and that contributions deposited before each gaming session shall not constitute part of the total amount of prizes awarded during that session.

Present law provides that the mega jackpot for a progressive bingo game may exceed the \$4,500 prize limit, but shall not exceed \$100,000.

Proposed law provides that the mega jackpot for a progressive bingo game may exceed the \$4,500 prize limit but shall not exceed \$100,000, if the game is played on bingo paper, bingo cards, or by using an Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device.

Proposed law further 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 \$4,500 prize limit, but shall not exceed \$10,000. Provides that portions of player's 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 \$4,500 limit.

Proposed law requires 80% of the net win from progressive bingo and progressive mega jackpot bingo games to be paid to the charitable organization and 20% of the net win from such games to be paid to the distributors.

Proposed law prohibits the sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo on an Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device for any organization to exceed six games per hour and 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 the prohibition.

Proposed law provides that the governing authority of a municipality or parish may, by ordinance, transfer regulatory authority over charitable gaming in that municipality or parish to the office of charitable gaming.

Proposed law provides that electronic bingo dabber devices shall not be construed to be electronic video bingo machines or electronic pull-tab devices. Electronic bingo dabber devices shall not offer for play the games authorized to be played on electronic video bingo machines and electronic pull-tab devices.

(Amends R.S. 4:732(A) - (E)(intro. para.) and (G) and 739(A)(1) and (2)(e) and (F); Adds R.S. 4:707(J), 732(H) and (I), and 739(A)(2)(f))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Restore present law relative to every \$200 contribution deposited into a special account for a progressive bingo game, but provide that the contributions shall not constitute part of the total amount of prizes awarded during a licensed call bingo gaming session.
2. Clarify that the mega jackpot for a progressive bingo game shall not exceed \$100,000, if the game is played on bingo paper, bingo cards, or by using an Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device.
3. Provide that the mega jackpot for a progressive mega jackpot bingo game shall not exceed \$10,000.
4. Require 80% of the net win from progressive bingo and progressive mega jackpot bingo games to be paid to the charitable organization and 20% of the net win from the games to be paid to the distributor.
5. Limit the sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo on an Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device for any organization to six games per hour, and authorize the office of charitable gaming to suspend the sales of any organization that violates the sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo until the organization becomes compliant.
6. Make technical corrections.