

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 301

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GAMBLING/VIDEO POKER: Provides relative to the definition of "video draw poker device" and "video draw poker"

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 27:402(17) and (18) and 405(C)(2), (3), and (4), relative to video  
3 draw poker devices control law; to amend the definitions of "video draw poker  
4 device" and "video draw poker"; to provide relative to the requirements for the card  
5 games offered on a video draw poker device; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 27:402(17) and (18) and 405(C)(2), (3), and (4) are hereby amended  
8 and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §402. Definitions

10 As used in this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the  
11 following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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13 (17) "Video draw poker device" means any unit, mechanism, or device  
14 authorized pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter, that, upon insertion of a ticket  
15 voucher or cash, is available to play or simulate the play of the game of draw poker,  
16 or other card games approved by the division utilizing a video display and  
17 microprocessors in which the player may win games or credits that can be redeemed  
18 for cash only. The term does not include a device that directly dispenses coins, cash,  
19 tokens, or any thing else of value, except the ticket voucher required in accordance  
20 with the provisions of this Chapter. The term does not include any device authorized

1 to be used in the conducting of charitable gaming. The term does not include ~~video~~  
2 ~~line up games, mechanical reel games, or any combination thereof,~~ or any slot  
3 machine as defined in R.S. 27:353.

4 (18) "Video draw poker" means any card game approved by the division ~~that~~  
5 ~~utilizes one deck of cards per hand with multiple hands permitted per game.~~

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7 §405. Description and specifications of devices

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9 C. Each video draw poker device shall offer the game of draw poker or such  
10 other card games as are approved by the division and have the following method of  
11 operation:

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13 (2) The card games must utilize ~~a deck~~ decks of cards consisting of fifty-two  
14 standard playing cards, and up to two jokers may also be used. The ~~deck~~ decks must  
15 be shuffled by use of a random number generator to exchange each card in the ~~deck~~  
16 decks with another randomly selected card.

17 (3) After shuffling, a required number of cards must be dealt from the top of  
18 the ~~deck~~ decks.

19 (4) Any discarded cards must be replaced by remaining cards in the ~~deck~~  
20 decks, starting with the next subsequent card and using the cards in the order of the  
21 ~~deck~~ decks.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Amends the definitions of "video draw poker device" and "video draw poker", and provides that the card games offered on a video draw poker device may utilize multiple decks of cards.

Present law provides for the Video Draw Poker Devices Control Law which provides for the licensing and regulation of video draw poker devices. For these purposes, present law does all of the following:

- (1) Defines "video draw poker device" as any authorized unit, mechanism, or device that, upon insertion of a ticket voucher or cash, is available to play or simulate the play of the game of draw poker, or other card games approved by the division utilizing a video display and microprocessors in which the player may win games or credits that can be redeemed for cash only. Further provides that the term does not include the following:
  - (a) A device that directly dispenses coins, cash, tokens, or any thing else of value, except the ticket voucher required in accordance with the provisions of present law.
  - (b) Any device authorized to be used in the conducting of charitable gaming.
  - (c) Video line up games, mechanical reel games, or any combination thereof, or any slot machine as defined by present law (R.S. 27:353).

In this regard, proposed law amends present law to remove the provision that excludes video line up games, mechanical reel games, or any combination thereof from the definition of "video draw poker device".

- (2) Defines "video draw poker" as any card game approved by the division that utilizes one deck of cards per hand with multiple hands permitted per game.

In this regard, proposed law removes from the definition of "video draw poker" the present law requirement that the card game utilize one deck of cards per hand with multiple hands permitted per game.

- (3) Provides that each video draw poker device shall offer the game of draw poker or such other card games as are approved by the division and have certain methods of operation including a limitation that only one deck of cards be used.

In this regard, proposed law amends present law to provide that the card games offered on video draw poker devices may utilize multiple decks.

(Amends R.S. 27:402(17) and (18) and 405(C)(2), (3), and (4))