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Morrish

Present law, relative to charitable raffles, bingo, and gaming, requires that the office of charitable gaming issue and renew annual state licenses required by law for organizations conducting games of chance, for manufacturers or distributors of supplies or equipment for such games, and for commercial lessors of premises on which such games are conducted. Proposed law retains present law and also provides that the office shall issue and renew annual state licenses required by proposed law for public institutions of higher education conducting raffles pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law provides that the office may establish, assess, and collect \$75 for issuing or renewing a license for a public institution of higher education to conduct raffles.

Present law requires that the office familiarize the general public, and in particular members of organizations which conduct charitable games of chance, with present law and applicable regulations. Proposed law retains present law and includes public institutions of higher education conducting raffles.

Present law provides that the office is to adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to carry out the purposes and functions of the Charitable Raffles, Bingo and Gaming Law. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the governing authority of each municipality and parish shall decide whether charitable raffles, bingo, and keno shall be permitted within the limits of the boundaries. Proposed law retains present law but provides that these provisions are not applicable to raffles conducted by a public institution of higher education licensed pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law provides that a public institution of higher education, when licensed as provided in proposed law, may hold and operate a raffle or raffles when the entire net proceeds are devoted to supporting the institution. Provides that the office of charitable gaming may license a public institution of higher education to hold and operate a raffle or raffles.

Provides that "public institution of higher education" includes each in-state public graduate and undergraduate institution, public junior and community college, public technical institute, and each separate school or department of the institution, college, or institute.

Provides that no municipal or parish governing authority shall require local licensure of an institution licensed pursuant to proposed law.

Provides that a public institution of higher education licensed to conduct a raffle shall be exempt from the other licensing and reporting requirements provided in present law.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 4:705(1), (9), and (10)(a) and 706(A) and (B); adds R.S. 4:705(2)(f) and 707.1)