

## HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 996

2022 Regular Session

Bryant

GAMBLING/CHARITABLE: Provides relative to the operation of charitable bingo

### Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Relative to sessions for games of chance, changes session limitations from not more than one per calendar day per licensee to not more than one per calendar day per premises.
2. Provides that coastal conservation associations shall be exempt from the present law requirement to obtain a charitable gaming license or a special charitable gaming license from the office of charitable gaming within the Dept. of Revenue, strictly for the purpose of conducting raffles.
3. Defines "coastal conservation association".

### Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law (R.S. 4:707(H)) requires a person or organization to obtain a license from the office of charitable gaming within the Dept. of Revenue to hold, operate, or conduct any game of chance enumerated in present law.

Proposed law exempts coastal conservation associations from the present law requirement to obtain a license, strictly for the purpose of conducting raffles.

Proposed law defines "coastal conservation association" as a member-based organization domiciled in the 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.

Present law (R.S. 4:714(C)) provides that a member of a licensed charity must be present during any bingo games.

Proposed law amends present law to require a member of the licensed charity to be present only during call bingo games.

Present law (R.S. 4:724(B)) provides relative to requirements and restrictions for electronic video bingo machines. Provides that the cost of each game shall not be less than 25¢ nor more than one dollar.

Proposed law provides that the cost of each game shall not be less than 25¢ nor more than four dollars. Further requires electronic video bingo machines to have a mechanism that accepts any denomination of cash in the form of bills or tickets verifiable as valid indicating the ticket value.

Present law (R.S. 4:732(B)(2)) 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 present law prize limit of \$4,500, but shall not exceed \$10,000.

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Present law (R.S. 4:732(I)) provides that sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo on an

Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device for any organization shall not exceed six games per hour and shall not exceed 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 present law until the organization becomes compliant.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that the sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo on an Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device for any organization shall not exceed 30 games per hour. Proposed law removes the present law prohibition that the sales shall not exceed the gross sales of bingo and pull-tabs in a single reporting quarter for any organization.

Present law (R.S. 4:739(E)(1) and (2)) provides that no more than two electronic dabber devices may be issued to any patron who has purchased bingo paper packs for use with the device. Further requires at least one electronic dabber device to be used as a back up in the event a device in play malfunctions.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law (R.S. 4:740(A)) provides for the definition of a session, which shall not exceed eight consecutive hours with a minimum of 12 hours between sessions. Provides that a session of keno or bingo when the licensee possesses a special license is limited to six consecutive hours. Provides that sessions are limited to not more than one session per calendar day per licensee.

Proposed law amends present law to remove the minimum of twelve hours between sessions. Authorizes a licensee to operate no more than five premises for the purpose of charitable gaming activities. Provides that a session of keno or bingo when the licensee possesses a special license is limited to eight consecutive hours. Provides that sessions are limited to not more than one session per calendar day per premises.

(Amends R.S. 4:714(C), 724(B)(1) and (9), 732(B)(2) and (I), and 740(A); Adds R.S. 4:707(E)(7) and (H)(4) and 724(B)(10); Repeals R.S. 4:739(E)(1) and (2))